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AS 200 COPS SENT TO TACKLE GANG FEUD THAT KILLED GIRL, 7..

How did UK town become a war zone?

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By PAUL SIMS

A TASKFORCE of 200 specialist police officers is being deployed to crime-ridden Middlesbrough in an attempt to restore order.

The move was announced last night after gang warfare in the town left nine dead in under a week, including two cops and Valentina Foster, seven, *above*.

Locals fear what will happen next. One said: "The gangsters can do what they want to each other, but now we've got innocent people being killed who have nothing to do with their drug-dealing and bullying."

BRITAIN'S 'NEETS' CRISIS

MILLION YOUTHS ON 'SCRAPHEAP'

Battle . . . Mr McFadden

ALMOST one million under-25s in Britain are out of work, official figures show.

Around 981,000 of them – one in eight – were not in employment, education or training (NEET) between April and June.

This is down three per cent – roughly 30,000 – on the previous quarter, according to the data from the Office for National Statistics on those aged 16 to 24.

But the figure is still close to the highest ever level and is an increase of 30,000 on what it was a year ago.

Britain has one of the highest levels of NEETs in Europe.

Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden said: "We are determined to turn the tide on the youth unemployment crisis, which has been years in the making, with the number of NEETs rising by 248,000 between 2021 and 2024." Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary Helen Whately accused Labour of destroying job opportunities for young adults by increasing red tape for businesses.

She said: "Something has gone badly wrong for a generation of young people.

"The opportunities that previous generations took for granted are not there in the way they once were."

An extra 25,000 young men and 4,000 young women are out of work or education compared with this time last year.

PM Andy Burnham says youth unemployment was ignored by Westminster for too long.

He has announced a move with Sainsbury's to offer work experience jobs to help tackle youth unemployment.

He also blasted the education system for focusing too much on the university route.

Labour grandee Alan Milburn is leading a review into the NEETs problem, saying it risks an "economic catastrophe" and a "moral crisis".

By TOM SCOTSON

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Trade . . . Trump

PM 'risks Prez fury on Israel'

By SOPHIA SLEIGH

ANDY Burnham has been warned he is risking a trade war with Donald Trump over plans to impose sanctions on illegal Israeli settlements.

The PM is poised to announce a boycott on goods and services from the outposts on Palestinian land in a bid to please lefty Labour MPs.

However, others in the party are warning him the stand could spark retaliation from Trump.

The US criticised Ireland for a similar move last month. President Trump also threatened a full trade embargo with Spain after they banned goods being imported from illegal settlements.

One Labour MP said: "We shouldn't be naive enough to believe we could sanction Israel and not face consequences from the White House."

Cowboy builders targeted

By TOM SCOTSON

ROGUE builders will be driven out of business under plans for an approved code of conduct, the Government says.

From next month, businesses will be encouraged to sign up to a "high standards" register, with customers' cash protected.

PM Andy Burnham said: "We're putting the cowboys out of business.

"These changes mean you'll now have the option to make sure your money is held safely and released bit by bit as the work gets done."

Shadow Business Secretary Andrew Griffith said: "This risks piling paperwork on businesses doing the right thing."

Guest who? .. Mr Burnham meets smiling newlywed Kira

MY AND IN MARRIAGE

By TOM SCOTSON

ANDY Burnham gatecrashed a wedding yesterday during his first visit to Northern Ireland as PM.

Mr Burnham even had a snap with newlyweds Kira and Conor Rosato and her mum Barbara Scott, *top*, at a hotel in Belfast.

Just days ago he sent a message to a couple getting wed in the Manchester building Number 10 North is in.

During his Belfast trip, the PM said an Irish unification vote was "off the table".

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Vylan in cop OK

PUNK rapper Bobby Vylan has been cleared by police for chanting "death, death to the IDF (Israel Defence Forces)".

The Met said it investigated his language, at a London demo in March, but did not act further on CPS advice. It will continue to work to "ensure the safety and security of Jewish Londoners".

The rapper, one half of duo Bob Vylan, said he will "not be intimidated".

The BBC was criticised last year for livestreaming fans chanting it during their Glastonbury gig.

COPS HIT RAPES

SPECIALIST rape and sex offences hit squads will be in place for police forces 18 months ahead of schedule.

Andy Burnham has asked all constabularies in England and Wales to have them ready by December 2027.

Up to ten forces will also share £13.3million for specialist Protection Order Teams to help tackle violence against women and girls.

The PM had faced criticism for failing to exempt domestic abusers from the prison early release scheme which starts in October.

Safeguarding minister Satvir Kaur said last night: "Victims can be sure they'll be heard and supported."

OAP AID CALLS FIRM IS FINED

WATCHDOGS have fined a firm £190,000 for 760,000 nuisance calls to OAPs — to flog devices it claimed blocked unwanted callers.

The Information Commissioner's Office said complaints revealed Elderly Aids Ltd staff were "aggressive" and "misleading".

PLAN SO POTTY

A COUNCIL has planted fake flowers in pots – because real blooms are too expensive to water.

They cost just £320, compared with a £1,000-a-week bill to look after plants over the summer period.

Locals were split over the change, made on the A180 flyover in Grimsby. One called it "ridiculous", but another praised it as a "very economical" move by North East Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Bob Callison said it was also made to not "add to water shortages".

A council spokesman said there was "no definitive timescale" for bringing back real flowers to the flyover.

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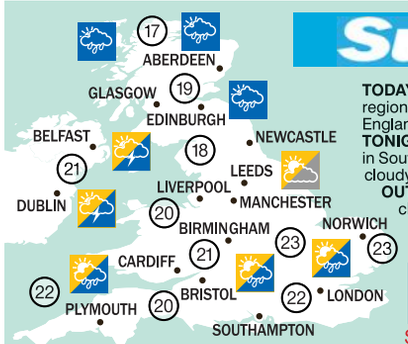

TODAY: Rain will spread across North-Western regions. Mainly cloudy in Central and Southern England, with occasional sunny intervals in the East.

TONIGHT: Rain in South-East England, mostly cloudy in South-West. Fair in Yorkshire and North-West. Partly cloudy in London and Midlands.

OUTLOOK: Saturday sees rain in Western England, cloudy in Central. Sunday turns stormy in the North-East, staying mild in the South.

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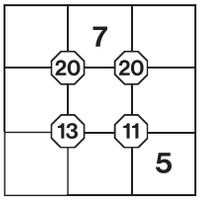

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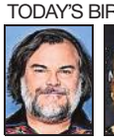

ACTORS **JACK BLACK**, **57**, *left*, **JENNIFER COOLIDGE**, **65**, **DANIEL STERN**, **69**, and **JASON PRIESTLEY**, **57**, Fight Club director **DAVID FINCHER**, **64**, singers **FLORENCE WELCH**, **40**, *right*, **LEANN RIMES**, **44**, and **SHANIA TWAIN**, **61**

●**Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 10, 28, 30, 31, 39. Bonus ball: 37.**

GREECE IS THE WORD

By ELLIE HENMAN

TELLY hit Emily In Paris is going Greek for what is set to be its last series.

The sixth season of the comedy drama, starring Lily Collins in the title role, arrives on Christmas Eve.

Emily swaps France for Greece for the finale of the Netflix show, with viewers wondering if she'll get back with her ex Gabriel, played by Lucas Bravo, 38.

Lily, 37, said: "Season six will bring you everything you love about the show and serve as the final chapter in Emily's adventure of a lifetime.

"Our entire cast and crew are pouring our hearts into making this a fantastic farewell season, which we're now filming. I can't wait for all of the magic ahead, and to celebrate our final season with you in the most chic way yet."

As well as filming in Greece, including Santorini, Emily will be back in Paris for one final time in the series, known for its vibrant clothing.

Show boss Darren Star said: "We went to multiple locations this season, and Greece was somewhere we really wanted to showcase in a spectacular way.

"That's part of the fantasy of Europe – you're always within reach of another extraordinary place, another adventure.

"I wanted the audience to have that vicarious experience of travelling right along with Emily."

Netflix has released pics from the forthcoming series, revealing Minnie Driver, 56, is back as Princess Jane alongside the likes of Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu, 63, as Sylvie, and Ashley Park, 35, who plays Mindy.

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Reach the end . . Minnie, Philippine, Lily & Ashley

Drama . . Lily with Ashley and, inset, Lucas

Sunny smile . . Lily filming the final series of Emily In Paris

Picture: NETFLIX

SEA-SON SIX FOR EMILY

As Lily swaps Paris for the Med

Celebrity MasterChef has no superstars, or even special guests that are special, no matter how much the contestants ooh and aah when they arrive

Ally Ross PAGE 15

FEUD BEHIND COP CRASH

House said to have been rammed by rival gang before the fatal A66 horror smash

Scene where PC Blades, top, and PC Clough were killed in gang-linked crash

GUN COP ARMY ON STREETS OF FEAR

By PAUL SIMS

ARMED cops from across northern England are being sent to help restore order on a town's crime-plagued streets — where locals compared it to the Bronx.

A taskforce of 200 specialist officers from six police forces is being deployed to fear-gripped Middlesbrough.

They include firearms cops and detectives with years of experience in tackling gang-related violence.

The dramatic move was announced last night amid a surge in apparent tit-for-tat attacks, with nine dead – including a little girl, her aunt and two police officers – in six days.

One terrified resident said last night: "It's like living in the Bronx."

Another local said: "The problem is that once you're here, you can't get out.

"The gangsters can do what they want to each other, but now we've got innocent people being killed who have nothing to do with their drug-dealing and bullying."

And another said: "It's scary. You wonder what's going to happen next."

PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38, were killed in a head-on smash in the early hours last Saturday.

Their armed response vehicle was hit by a VW Passat driving on the wrong side of the A66 as it fled a high-speed police chase.

The five in the Passat – Michael Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, Jakub Matusiak, 23, Makai Saddington, 18, and 17-year-old Cole Worthy – also died.

Sources said the gang was hell-bent on revenge after rivals had earlier rammed a number of properties in the area. Another home was rammed yesterday.

Gangland pals of the five are also believed to be linked to the fire-bombing of a house in the Grangetown area that killed innocent seven-year-old Valentina Foster and her aunt Natalie McDonald, 34.

Another woman, 48, who was pulled from the burning building, remained in a critical condition in hospital.

The spiralling violence also saw armed officers scrambled to an estate after a stabbing.

Cleveland Police, one of the smallest forces in the country, has been stretched to breaking point.

They will now be joined by officers from Durham, Northumbria, North Yorkshire,

Killed . . . innocent Valentina Foster, seven

& SCHOOLGIRL'S DEATH

WEDNESDAY

Valentina, seven, and aunt Natalie died in firebomb attack on house

THURSDAY

Demolished wall after another property was rammed by car

200 police from 6 forces deployed to tackle gangs

THURSDAY

Armed cops after stabbing on estate

Violence spirals with stabbing & ram attack

West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside.

Local council leader Alec Brown revealed the additional resources after a briefing with top brass.

He said: "Over 200 extra police officers from forces around the country are here and are en route, from detectives to armed response.

"I will be sending a letter to our Prime Minister asking for even more resource.

"The police really are doing an amazing job.

"Everyone is heartbroken over the loss of an aunt and little girl.

"People need to feel safe in their homes."

He praised cops for working "20-hour days" to keep Middlesbrough safe.

But sources said the circumstances were so exceptional that outside help had been requested to launch a crackdown on gang violence. In the latest attack, a 4x4 destroyed a brick wall and metal fencing after repeatedly reversing towards a property a short walk from the home where Valentina tragically lost her life.

A neighbour revealed: "There was a massive series of bangs just before 1am.

"A Jeep-type car slammed into the front wall and kept going back and forwards over it until it was smashed down.

"It's all part of the same stuff that's been going down for months."

The spate of violence erupted in the wake of the A66 crash.

An inquest into the deaths of the two officers – married dad-of-two PC Blades and Iraq war veteran PC Clough – was told they died from head and neck injuries.

A separate inquest for the five in the Passat heard they suffered neck, chest and torso trauma. Coroner Paul Appleton said: "All occupants of both vehicles were sadly pronounced deceased at the scene."

Police believe those in the Passat were hunting down rival gang members responsible for a ramming attack on the home of Worthy's dad minutes earlier.

Other properties linked to the gang were also targeted.

Tasteless vigils for the five have been held all week, with balaclava-clad pals setting off fireworks and flares in their memory.

In stark contrast, devastated colleagues of the two officers yesterday bowed their heads for a poignant minute's silence for the fallen PCs.

Those standing guard outside the fire-damaged house where Valentina and her aunt Natalie died also took part.

Police investigating the firebombing have arrested two men – aged 23 and 31 – and say they cannot rule out "links to wider organised crime".

Valentina and Natalie's family fear the house was targeted by mistake.

Natalie's brother Josh Kirton, 27, said: "We keep going home and then gravitating back down to look at the flowers and all the kind thoughts from people.

"It helps to know so many people care. We don't know why this happened.

"We keep reading that it's connected to the gangs and what happened on the A66, but it just wasn't. That is what makes this so senseless.

"People think they can do whatever they like.

"There are some horrible people in the world and now my sister and Valentina are gone."

Former Middlesbrough mayor Andy Preston said: "More incidents are happening and it looks like they're related. Everyone's praying that this peters out.

"If it doesn't, more innocent lives could be at risk.

"Middlesbrough needs solid and unflinching intolerance of crime. Not just this week but always."

Local Labour MP Andy McDonald said: "People feel unsafe even leaving their homes to go to the shops.

"Gangs are clearly featuring in this, as is the drugs trade."

Mr McDonald later added: "This is terrorism.

"We've got to have an appropriate response to deal with the people who are causing such mayhem in our communities and to allow people to lead their peaceful lives.

"That isn't happening. We need the resources.

"We've been under-resourced for as long as I can remember.

"I've been making the plea to successive governments and I'm making it now that we get our numbers restored to 2010 levels at the very least.

"We're 200 officers down and we must have them restored as a matter of urgency."

Prime Minister Andy Burnham said the Government would offer "all of the support that authorities need" to tackle the violence.

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TIMELINE OF A TOWN'S TERROR

SATURDAY 3am: Home of the dad of one of the A66 crash gang is rammed.
3.36am: Gang's VW Passat, with cloned plates, is seen pursued by police.
3.39am: It joins the A66 in the wrong direction. Cops abort chase. Ten seconds later it collides head-on with a police armed response vehicle. PC Matthew Blades, PC Tom Clough and the five Passat occupants are killed.
MONDAY: Police say Volvo XC60, also with cloned plates, rammed homes. They announce 12 arrests on suspicion of crimes linked to organised gangs.
TUESDAY: Police arrest five more people, including a 16-year-old boy. Two men are charged with various offences while a third is recalled to prison.
WEDNESDAY 5.23am: Huge fire at a property in Grangetown. People seen leaping from upstairs windows
11.54am: Murder probe announced after fire deaths of Valentina Foster, seven, and her aunt Natalie McDonald, 34.
5.25pm: Police announce two men arrested on suspicion of murder.
THURSDAY 0.34am: 4x4 in ramming incident near where Valentina died.
3pm: Armed police surround a house after a man suffers serious knife injuries.
4.30pm: Council leader reveals 200 extra cops are being drafted in.

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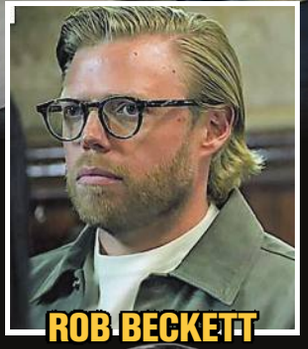
Dead worried . . . stars in church at Ardross Castle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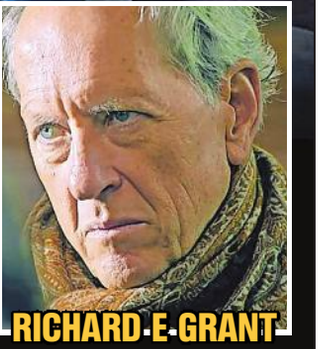
RICHARD E GRANT

Claudia's Series 2 trailer shows stars' grim 'funeral'

By ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

A FIRST look at the new series of The Celebrity Traitors will create a fans' frenzy and send a shiver down spines as it reveals an eerie funeral.

The teaser trailer shows all the celebs watching Claudia Winkleman, *left*, who is stood before two coffins above which, in flowers, are the letters "RIP VIP".

Host Claudia tells her nervous-looking congregation of 21: "A moment of silence for the celebrities gathered today. Thoughts and prayers."

She then leaves them to their fate and marches out of the church with the words: "Who doesn't love a dramatic exit?" The teaser, believed to feature one of the first challenges in the series, has dropped ahead of the show's start this autumn.

Those taking part include model Jerry Hall, 70, comedy star Miranda Hart, 53, EastEnders legend Ross Kemp, 62, actors Richard E. Grant, 69, and Michael Sheen, 57, and presenter Maya Jama, 32.

If contestants do end up in a coffin, it would not be the first time it has happened on the show's celebrity and non-celebrity runs.

Diane Carson left the contest in one in Series 2 of the "civilian" version in 2024, Claudia leading her funeral procession at Ardross Castle in the Scottish Highlands where the BBC show is filmed.

Last year, Paloma Faith, Lucy Beaumont and Niko Omilana were placed in coffins in a mock funeral after Paloma was "murdered" by eventual winner Alan Carr.

The opening section to be played at the start of every episode of Series 2 was also revealed at the Edinburgh TV Festival this week.

In it, Claudia is heard to say: "They may be celebrities but they have absolutely no power here."

Kate Phillips, the BBC's chief content officer, said: "These celebrities, we don't pay them a lot of money to do this. They do it because they want to play the game."

Talking about the scene from last year's show when Alan "murdered" best pal Paloma by brushing her face, Kate added: "Now they are referencing previous series and if someone touches someone else's arm they're like: 'I've just been murdered!' So it is *very* entertaining to watch."

Ed Havard, the BBC's director of entertainment, added: "Some of the celebrities are getting ahead of themselves, messaging me asking: 'When can we sign up for the all-star version?' And I say: 'Well, we're only two series in so far, but we'll think about that!'"

He added: "Series 2 is exceptional and the interesting thing about this season is things happen that you didn't think could happen on The Traitors. It will deliver many surprises." Series 2's launch date is yet to be announced.

Traitor's old Pal act — Bizarre, P18 & 19

Picture: BBC

UK TOUR GROUP WERE AT 2ND FLOOD

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

HOPE was fading last night for more than 1,500 people still missing after the monster flash floods that scythed through the Nepal-Tibet border.

Fears are also rising of a second tsunami as huge amounts of water flow into two new lakes formed by debris from the first disaster creating an unstable dam.

More than 900 tourists – including 33 Britons – remained among the grim toll of the missing as a travel chief warned of a "one per cent" chance of finding any more survivors.

Eleven of the Britons – including a girl of 13 from Surrey and three of her family members – were in a group that crossed into Tibet just as the wall of water hit.

Ram Kumar Adhikari, of Alpine Eco Trek, last heard from them at 8.40am at immigration on the Gyirong border. The others are three men aged 52 to 65, and seven women aged 44 to 65.

Mr Adhikari said: "There is no internet access on the Chinese side, so we had no reason to be immediately concerned. Then we received news of the massive flood.

"Authorities later released video showing a huge surge of water sweeping away the Chinese immigration building. You can see people running, some could be members of our group."

Another pilgrimage trekking group, Kailash Journeys, has lost contact with seven UK nationals – five women and two men aged 18 to 55 – who were also near immigration at the time.

Two more Britons, with Himalayan Glacier Group, are also missing. A 14-year-old British boy is also unaccounted for.

Distraught families in the UK were last night still in the dark, more than 24 hours after the flood of mud, water and debris tore along the Lende Khola river into the Bhote Koshi river, 100 miles north of Nepal's capital Kathmandu.

The husband of missing Leena Bector, 53, checked her online location and realised she had not moved for seven hours. Mobile phone data puts Leena, from Slough, Berks, around an hour's travel from the now washed-away "Friendship Bridge", which she was supposed to visit.

Bhupesh, who booked the next available flight to Nepal to search for his wife of 30 years, told The Times: "I want to go to Kathmandu now. I know she's in Nepal for sure. So even if they find her today or tomorrow, I need to be there."

British nurse Sarada Simkhada, from Dartford, Kent, is also missing. She moved to the UK 20 years ago and is a senior nurse at the town's Darent Valley Hospital.

The British Hindu was on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash in nearby Tibet – said to be the cosmic home of Lord Shiva.

Her brother Shambu wrote on social media: "May God protect you and guide the rescue team to find you safely."

Fellow Hindu Nabhi Das from Streatham, South London, was close to where the flood hit and has not been heard from since. Originally from Kenya, he works in finance and has travelled in the region before.

Sunil Amin last heard from his wife Hema on Monday after she travelled to Nepal with her sister on a pilgrimage to Gosainkunda lake.

Mr Amin, of Croydon, South London, said her phone rings but is not answered. He said: "I keep trying to call her. I have a horrible, horrible feeling. We hope it's good news, but don't know exactly what happened to them. I'm devastated."

Pramod Poudel, from Uckfield, East Sussex, said he was also flying to Nepal last night after failing to contact his wife Sumitra, mother, brother and uncle. He said: "There is no power so they can't charge their phones. It's a very hard time.

"Where my home town used to be, where my family used to live – my mum, dad, wife – there's nothing there."

Rajendra Pudasaini, president of the Non-Resident Nepali Association UK, said the country had experienced an "irreplaceable loss" and claimed it was "paying the price for global warming". The nurse, who works at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, Essex, said: "My wife's auntie and uncle, and their granddaughter and her husband are missing, and my godson.

"They're gone. The speed the water came, they couldn't be saved, they were just swept away."

He said his mother was rescued by the army along with her ten-week-old great-grandchild.

At least 389 victims are confirmed dead after the 50ft high wall of water, mud and stone hit their homes and wiped them out. The grim toll is likely to rocket as whole communities were swept away down the river valley in Rasuwa.

Disaster experts said the 20 million cubic metres flood was triggered when an iceberg-sized chunk of glacier broke off.

They fear a second flood could strike if the dam of debris that has formed a lake breaks.

Chinese officials said the landslide dam, where the Tsogyal and Purupqiangzangbu rivers meet, has a "high risk of breaching" within 48 hours.

It was estimated the newly formed lake had grown to two million cubic metres of water yesterday, with three million more expected.

Last night authorities were evacuating towns and villages downstream. Nepalese army teams airlifted hundreds out of the Rasuwa district.

The King and Camilla "are heartbroken to hear of the devastating flooding" and Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged £5million aid.

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Rescue . . . soldiers carry survivor to safety

Running for lives . . . shocked workers see horror wave coming

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Search . . . Pramod and Sumitra

Missing . . . Leena, above, Nabhi and Sarada, left

WIPED-OUT BORDER POST

IS COMING

Avalanche . . . huge wall of rock, mud, ice and water rage down the valley

Hunt for survivors . . . security forces' sniffer dog in Trishuli

Size of a house . . . enormous boulder is washed down river

Devastation . . . homes destroyed at village of Devighat

- Hopes fade for 33 missing Brits
- Another wave may hit in hours
- 1,500 feared dead in mudslide

THE Sun SAYS

Border betrayal

LABOUR'S open borders lunatics are betraying voters with an effective free-for-all for migrants.

Figures released yesterday showed 140,122 migrants – or one every **MINUTE** – was granted indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship in just the three months to June.

Overall, 200,000 were given ILR in the last year, the highest number since 2011.

It's anyone's guess how many of those people could end up joining the almost 1.3million migrants **ALREADY** claiming **£6BILLION** in Universal Credit benefits.

The spin from Labour over yesterday's grim migration figures was shocking.

Ministers hailed cutting the asylum cases backlog by 56 per cent.

But what good is that if the Government is letting everyone stay? Labour also claimed success in halving the numbers placed in asylum hotels.

But 73,000 have simply been dumped in HMO properties in local communities.

There are even disturbing reports that Brit renters are being turfed out of flats by unscrupulous landlords wanting to turn their blocks into HMOs to get guaranteed Government cash.

Worse, 17,500 foreign criminals are free on our streets and have still not been deported. Frightened families are bearing this enormous risk.

Every day brings news of another horrifying case of rape, sexual assault or violence committed by young foreign men who have broken into this country.

Just this week a Sudanese migrant was found guilty of slashing a woman 30 times with a broken bottle.

We don't even know the true scale of crime committed by small boat migrants. That's because Labour has launched legal action to keep it a secret.

Among those fighting Government lawyers in court are Ann Newman, the partner of dog-walker Wayne Broadhurst – killed by an Afghan national – and the family of Rhiannon Whyte, a hotel worker stabbed to death by a Sudanese migrant.

Real people who have paid a terrible price for Government failure. Yet still the boats come, with another five containing hundreds of illegals landing yesterday.

Why wouldn't migrants chance it when they know if they can get to the UK they will almost certainly stay?

Andy Burnham repeatedly claims he wants to be honest with the people.

The Prime Minister could start by being straight about where asylum seekers are being housed.

Then do voters a favour by revealing the true scale of the illegal migrant crimewave ruining British lives.

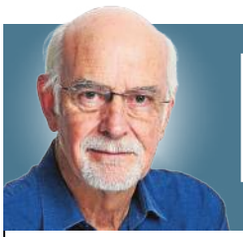
Lost generation

PAT McFadden might be the only Labour minister to speak the truth on benefits.

Yesterday, he admitted the welfare system was "flawed" for writing off people's chances of ever working.

That includes nearly one million youths not in work, education or training.

Having diagnosed the problem, McFadden now needs to persuade our new Prime Minister to actually get on and urgently do something about it.



TREVOR
Kavanagh

Eight decades after VE-Day, we are once more on the front line of a European war

ABLAZE . . . a warehouse near Moscow after a Ukrainian drone attack

TAKING AIM . . . Putin has sights set on Burnham and Zelensky

FEW people alive today can remember or imagine living as the brave citizens of Ukraine do every day under the shadow of sudden death.

I'm told my first word as a toddler in 1944 was "doodlebug", the cry on everyone's lips as air-raid sirens hailed yet another Nazi V-1 attack on shattered London.

Until recently, I believed World War Two was the war to end all wars, at least in modern Europe.

Then Ukraine began turning the tide against bloodthirsty Russian invaders with help from the UK – and Mad Vlad Putin's piggy little eyes swivelled in our direction.

Putin is livid with PM Andy Burnham for handing Kyiv blueprints for Storm Shadow missiles capable of striking deep inside Russia.

He has publicly vowed revenge and this week withdrew his ambassador to London in what many see as a prelude to a punishment strike in one form or another.

Price in blood

London may be 1,500 miles and four EU states – France, Belgium, Germany and Poland – away from the Ukrainian capital.

But eight decades after VE Day we are once more on the front line of a European war.

The Kremlin tyrant is fighting for his life as ordinary Russian people begin to realise he is losing his murderous assault on their Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

Petrol rationing and plumes of black smoke visible from the Kremlin have brought home the price in blood and treasure of Putin's colossal blunder, now in its fifth year.

And like a cornered animal he will lash out regardless of cost to those least likely to retaliate. The standard response from a beleaguered tyrant is to divert public outrage and rouse patriotic support by attacking a soft target.

Britain, always portrayed in Russia as villains, is among the softest. This once-great power has been reduced to third-rate status with a tiny, woke military and a nuclear weapon it can't use right now without US permission.

True, Russia's own military has been reduced to a cardboard cut-out, without a single tank to display at this year's Victory Day Parade in Red Square.

But it has one significant advantage over Britain – a ruthless leader willing to waste millions of lives to save his own neck.

In this stand-off, though, Putin doesn't have to risk Russian lives – or launch a single missile.

He can, and does, murder our citizens on our streets, paralyse banks and supermarket chains, and threaten railways and water supplies without risking a single soldier.

We have seen vivid examples of direct action, with Kremlin stooges using firebombs against a car and a home linked to ex-PM Keir Starmer.

Russian hackers are also responsible for the IT outage which crippled Marks & Spencer, Jaguar Land Rover and Heathrow airport last year and sleeper cells are on standby for further orders.

Russian warships can fire live ammunition in British waters or probe strategically vital trans-Atlantic communications cables without us lifting a finger.

Security chiefs this week warned the PM any or all of these threats could be triggered at any moment, along with targeted assassinations of prominent figures.

Most Brits will applaud Andy Burnham's forthright support for valiant Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelensky.

But how will they react if these dire security warnings are borne out by events, changing our lives in ways unseen since the IRA waged war on mainland Britain?

How will we adapt and cope with food and water shortages, power cuts, cashpoint shutdowns – and perhaps worse with the help of artificial intelligence?

And how will our new PM emerge as, in effect, a war leader?

John Healey quit as defence supremo after being offered just £10billion to safeguard national security – one-third of the £28billion he pleaded for.

This was "well short of what is required at a dangerous time", barked Healey.

His walk-out triggered Andy Burnham's leadership coup and opened a blazing Labour row over spending priorities: Welfare or war.

Sharp cuts by successive governments have given us the smallest army since the Napoleonic wars, a shrunken navy with just 17 surface vessels, mostly in dock and a tank corps which could fit inside one large car park.

RAF Typhoon combat squadrons have been halved, from 200 jet fighters to 107 in a decade.

Stocks of missiles, shells and bullets depleted by years of war in Ukraine also need urgent replenishment.

Kyiv has revolutionised the way war is now waged, with cheap drones and robots replacing costly jet fighters and flesh-and-blood soldiers.

Evil eyes

Russian conscripts paid with life and limb for these advances in hi-tech slaughter, picked off in their thousands by on-line snipers miles from the killing zone.

But military chiefs insist that in any war, territory once taken must be guarded with boots on the ground.

John Healey's principled resignation will have been in vain if his first budget fails to prove Labour's top priority is the defence of the nation.

In Putin's evil eyes, Burnham started this. Does he have what it takes to follow it through?

More to the point, how will his pacifist but powerful MPs react to conflict with a regime many perceive, alongside China, as their greatest political comrades?

The increasingly dominant pro-Gaza movement includes such leftie ultras as the Corbynite "Stop the War" coalition. These loonies support Russia and bitterly oppose arming Ukraine.

Let's hope we don't have to dig new air-raid shelters at the bottom of the garden.

JULIA HARTLEY-BREWER IS AWAY

Gutted . . . the vehicle

Russian air chief killed in car blast

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

A RUSSIAN air force commander has been killed by a car bomb.

The lieutenant colonel – who has not been named – and his wife were both maimed when a powerful improvised explosive device tore their vehicle apart yesterday morning.

The 53-year-old commander died instantly.

His wife is reportedly fighting for her life.

Photos show the mangled wreckage of the car surrounded by shards of metal debris in St Petersburg.

The explosion happened outside an Ozon store, a retail chain which has been targeted by Ukrainian drone strikes in recent weeks.

The neighbourhood where the commander was killed is home to many of President Vladimir Putin's high-ranking officers.

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast.

Trump's lake take

DONALD Trump has renamed Lake Ontario as "Lake America" in an escalation of his trade war with Canada.

The US President issued an executive order about the body of water that straddles the border between the two nations.

The great lake has been named after the Canadian province of Ontario for more than 400 years.

Mr Trump said: "We're changing the name effective immediately." It applies to US government usage of the name.

Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney, and Kathy Hochul, the governor of New York State, which borders the lake, have rejected the change.

Seagulls eat £171m

GREEDY seagulls are grabbing grub worth £171million a year, researchers reckon.

A survey also found 71 per cent of us have had food stolen or targeted by the flapping thieves.

Fish and chips account for 72 per cent of the aerial raids, according to the study by Compare the Market.

Sandwiches (21 per cent) and ice cream (20 per cent) were also targeted by seagulls.

By comparing the proportion of the 2,000 respondents who were robbed to the UK adult population, and then multiplying that by £5.50 – the average cost of the grub – boffins say gulls ate food worth £171,889,518.

JAMA BRINGS THE GLAMOUR

By JACK HARDWICK

TV's Maya Jama looks extra dishy as she poses in a teeny bikini on holiday.

The Love Island host, 32, shared photos of her relaxing in a luxury villa in Ibiza after wrapping up the latest series of her dating show.

One Instagram snap sees her holding up an empty plate beside a worktop heaving with food, *below*.

She will soon be showing her acting chops in series two of Guy Ritchie's Netflix action comedy The Gentlemen.

FURY AT FIFA

UEFA & FANS SLAM INFAN

Target of abuse . . . Infantino, circled, at cup final in Vietnam

He faces criminal case

Crowd 'w*****' jibes

UEFA is preparing criminal proceedings against Gianni Infantino, it emerged yesterday — as furious fans called the Fifa boss a "f*ing w***er" while he presented a trophy.**

Infantino aborted outrageous plans to sell shares in the World Cup after Uefa threatened a boycott.

It dropped its threat, but legal papers show the European football governing body has now pledged to subpoena Fifa and US financial institutions linked to the plot. It would be launched in Switzerland, where Fifa has its main HQ.

A legal document said: "Uefa and other interested parties are preparing to bring criminal claims in Switzerland against Infantino and possibly other Fifa officials and advisers for criminal mismanagement."

Meanwhile, fans in Vietnam hurled abuse at Infantino after he turned up at a cup final in Hanoi.

Video showed them calling the Swiss-Italian a "f***ing w***er" in English, while he smiles and waves back.

The toe-curling scenes at the My Dinh National Stadium – where Vietnam beat Thailand to win the ASEAN title – were witnessed by a Brit bar boss. The 40-year-old Man Utd fan, who asked not to be named, said: "It was absolutely hilarious. He obviously thought he could come here and get away from all the scandal about him selling off the World Cup but was badly mistaken.

"It was close enough for him to hear because I saw him look up and he even waved – it was ridiculous. Then more people joined in."

Infantino, 56, later gushed on Instagram of his visit: "Moments like this embody what Fifa is all about."

The Fifa president, whose scheme was pulled after a furious backlash, is up for re-election next March.

EXCLUSIVE by NICK PARKER & ZARA QURESHI

Song . . . Miss England

Grace's talent win is a Miss World 1st

By AMIR RAZAVI

MISS England has reached the Miss World quarter-finals after becoming the first British beauty queen to win the competition's talent round in its 75-year history.

Grace Richardson, 23 – the first openly gay Miss England winner – is through to the final 40 in the prestigious pageant.

The performing arts graduate beat 23 other contestants to win the Miss World Talent round – which fast-tracked her to the quarter-final.

She sang her way into the history books in Vietnam on Tuesday after stunning judges with a performance of Somewhere Over The Rainbow.

Grace, from Leicester, said: "Winning this round means so much to me.

"Performing is what I love, so it really is incredibly special to be recognised for it."

The final rounds take place on September 5.

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Air death wife sues

A WIFE whose husband died after turbulence on a flight has launched a High Court action.

Geoff Kitchen, 73, was fatally injured when the Singapore Airlines plane he and Linda were on plummeted around 6,000ft in minutes over Myanmar, lawyers say.

Linda, 74, who suffered spinal fractures during Flight SQ321 in May 2024, only learned of his death in hospital two days later.

Linda, of Thornbury, Gloucs, said: "I thought the plane was going down. I owe it to Geoff to get answers."

Singapore Airlines was contacted for comment.

BAD APPLES

Apple iPhone users are almost twice as likely as Android owners to annoy others with loud music or calls, a survey found.

AS TROLLS ACCUSE SINGER OVER

COLEEN ROONEY – aka Wagatha Christie – has a lot to answer for.

Ever since her 2019 posts unveiling arch nemesis Rebekah Vardy as the alleged leak of news stories, social media users now reckon they too are world-class detectives.

Sometimes it is funny, other times not. Now poor James Blunt, a funnier, nicer chap you'll struggle to meet in the land of showbiz, is the latest victim of misfiring online sleuths.

Over the past week, the double Brit-award winning singer has been subject to thousands of awful allegations and truly disgusting, slanderous slurs. And it needs to stop. Now.

For anyone unfamiliar with this current internet maelstrom, allow me to recap.

In May 2009, James partied with the late actress Hayden Panettiere at an amfAR charity dinner in Cannes. They got on well, partied together for a few days in Cannes, then never saw each other again.

End of story, you might think. But no.

Not in the world of TikTok, Instagram and dangerous keyboard warriors.

Following her tragic death from a suspected overdose two weeks ago, aged 36, a story from her autobiography has resurfaced, and James has wrongly landed front and centre of it.

In This Is Me: A Reckoning, the American actress recounted an uncomfortable moment on a yacht when she was 18.

She recalled being introduced to a "thirty-something British singer-songwriter" – James would have been 35 at the time – in a cabin where the unnamed man was naked in bed. The trusted friend who'd led Hayden to this rendezvous told her to "get in bed with him. He has a huge d***".

Hayden went on to describe her "great shock", "pounding heart" and "disassociation" during the incident before she told the man "it is not going to happen" and managed to flee to a hotel as soon as possible. She added that she never saw the man again.

Naked man

People online have done the maths, incorrectly, and say James is the unnamed man. Once again, he is not.

Allow me to clear up some facts – and get this case closed once and for all.

To start, these sleuths are a year out. Hayden told the same story on the Jay Shetty podcast in May, and said she was 18 when the incident happened.

In May 2009, she was 19, and in an age-related allegation, that detail matters. Either way, this proves it is not James – and that people are looking at the wrong boat trip.

Secondly, James and Hayden were photographed, not just at the amfAR dinner, but over the following day, May 22, happily having breakfast with a group of pals.

In fact, the group continued to party (this is Cannes, after all) for a total of three days.

As Hayden stated that she never saw this man again after being introduced in his cabin, it simply cannot have been the You're Beautiful singer.

Thirdly, on the May 2009 trip, Hayden did not flee to a nearby hotel. She was instead photographed at Sir Elton John's house the following day.

Finally, and James might wish to skim over this bit of "conclusive evidence", according to superstar Joan Collins wee Jimmie is not, well, well-endowed.

As Joan wryly observed in a piece for The Spectator last year, an article entitled "The day James Blunt stripped off in front of me", the 93-year-old screen legend recounted the singer stripping off to his budgie smugglers during a raucous pool party.

According to Dame Joan's article, James has a "package worthy of a field mouse".

So, again, not your man (sorry, James).

All of this could be dismissed as meaningless tittle-tattle. At the end of the day, there was no allegation the naked man ever said or did anything.

If only the consequences of online detectives weren't so harmful and, frankly, upsetting.

Because ahead of his upcoming appearance on Celebrity Traitors, now the star's socials are being bombarded with fans accusing him of being a dangerous predator, a paedophile and, even, a human trafficker.

It all makes for incredibly disturbing reading. Weirder still, the online conspiracy brigade thinks James's video for his new song, Tastes Like Summer, is an admission he killed Hayden, and is a cannibal.

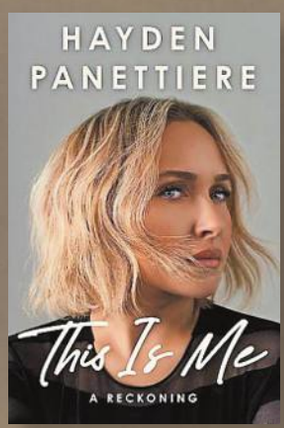
The vid is typical James Blunt dark humour – involving an abduction and a speedboat – but anyone who could draw such a conclusion is quite clearly unhinged.

You really couldn't make it up. Except these people are, quite literally, making it up. In a brilliant Substack, former journalist Dean Piper, ironically the man who, in 2009, wrote about Hayden and James partying in the South of France, says: "Here lies the problem with the Wild West of internet chatter. Facts don't matter. Legalities don't matter. People say whatever they like and getting away with it and that is wrong."

Grossly wrong, it is.

Hayden lived much of her life in the spotlight – from success as a child star to lead roles in hit TV shows Heroes and Nashville – but also endured well-documented struggles synonymous with the pressures of fame. Aged 19, she met Ukrainian boxing champion

'Here lies the problem with the Wild West of internet chatter. Facts don't matter. Legalities don't matter. People say whatever they like and get away with it'



YACHT CLAIMS . . . Hayden's book

By CLEMMIE MOODIE
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HAYDEN PANETTIERE SEX ENCOUNTER

WICKED RUMOURS . . . Hayden pictured in 2022. and James in 2024

ALL ABOARD . . . Hayden, *left*, and James on yacht with pals in the South of France the a day after the 2009 amfAR gala

PARTY TIME . . . *from left*, James, actor Justin Long, Hayden and Diana Jenkins at the gala, the night before the boat pictures

SPRITE OF LUXURY . . . Hayden on yacht

The vile, baseless online vilification of James Blunt

Wladimir Klitschko at a party in Los Angeles and they began a relationship. He was 13 years older than her, and they had a daughter five years later.

The actress revealed in her autobiography: "From a very young age, I lost the chance to have a normal childhood, friends, relationships, and my privacy."

Now, James has a sense of humour and anyone who follows his wonderful X ripostes will have seen this first-hand.

I have been lucky enough to interview this exceptionally talented musician (and let's not forget he served in the British Army for six years, undertaking a dangerous tour of Kosovo in the process) as well as share a couple of drinks with him at various functions.

He is witty, smart and gregarious. He has not once allowed global fame to go to his head. He also has a skin that's thicker than a particularly aged rhino, which is a good job given the trolling he's had over the years.

Following the release — and radio over-exposure — of his 2004 smash hit You're Beautiful, he was named the "fourth-most irritating thing in Briton" during a 2006 poll, ranking him even higher than traffic wardens and noisy neighbours.

He joked that he was "devastated" he hadn't been number one and would "do better" the next year.

But I am told the messages he has recently received, the disgusting comments, have hurt him. Badly.

Of course, he is damned if he speaks out, damned if he doesn't. So James may not wish to speak out, but I shall.

And for those people wishing for the extermination of the British Press, a quick reminder: Newspapers are governed by strict laws, while the internet is largely unregulated.

So maybe think again.

SHOWBIZ CIRCLES . . . Joan wrote of James's manhood, and Hayden was seen at Elton's house during 2009 trip

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Unexpected morons in the bagging area

THE Weakest Link, Romesh Ranganathan: "In the animal kingdom, what W is a winged insect that lives in a nest known as a vespiary?"
Jowita Przystal: "Lion."

Romesh: "In UK geography, the cities of Colchester, Chelmsford and Southend-on-Sea are in which English county?" Ruby Bhogal: "Lancashire."
The Chase, Bradley Walsh: "Which Scottish city is referred to as the oil capital of Europe?"
Anthony: "Glasgow."
Oh, Anthony.

THE Sky Planner automatically lumbering us with a colossal, hand-flailing slaphead signing for the deaf on Ludwig downloads.
Channel 5 pixelating all the scumbags on Fare Dodgers At War With The Law. The conveniently dramatic ending to Celebrity Hunted.
And Sunday Morning Live host Sean Fletcher claiming "My experience of newsrooms is that they're not particularly diverse."
Which is quite an irony given that, in all its 16 years, Sunday Morning Live hasn't employed so much as one white male host.

Random TV irritations

POINTLESS TALK . . . Sean

Let's hope Paddy's power ends Celeb MasterChef too...

VERY occasionally, you can pinpoint the exact moment a television show is sunk by one of its own format twists.

On Celebrity MasterChef it was hidden within host Grace Dent's teasing introduction for week one's "very special guest", in the new Who's Coming To Dinner? slot.

"He's known for his straight talking."

Piers Morgan?

"His sense of humour."

Not Piers Morgan.

"And his unmistakable northern charm."

Peter Ka . . .

"It's Paddy McGuinness."

Oh. Television's grim reaper, who's already knackered two heritage shows, A Question Of Sport and Top Gear, so he shouldn't have too much trouble killing off this old wreck, you might imagine.

But I don't actually believe in curses or even the destructive presenting powers of Paddy McGuinness. Well, not entirely.

It's the thought process that's given the game away here and the fact someone's actually looked at all the talent assembled for the 2026 run and said: "You know what this celebrity show really needs? A celebrity."

'Ultimate pudding'

You can't fault the logic either as, ten contestants into the latest run, the only one who's fitted the description is comedian Joe Pasquale, who adds a layer of affection to any show (see also Celebrity Hunted), whether it deserves it or not.

He was a reassuringly cheerful presence in week one as well, alongside someone off Love Island, singer Jay McGuiness, weightlifter Emily Campbell and the colossal ego of Jason Mohammad, who refers to himself, with some passion, as: "J-Mo."

The BBC Sports presenter wasn't one to underplay the cookery challenges either, finishing one off with the claim: "I feel battered and bruised, as if I'd done 24 rounds with Muhammad Ali.

"But I think I did Wales proud." Wales? Too modest, J-Mo. You did the world proud with your lamb and leek pie.

Say what you like about the principality's latest cookery sensation, though, J-Mo's vaulting conceit did at least give me something to cling on to in the first round.

Week two has no such charms. All we've got in fact are: Retired ballet dancer Eric Underwood, Masood the postman from EastEnders (Nitin Ganatra), Gladiator Dynamite, YouTuber TommyInnit and actress Donna Preston, whose signature dish was a doner kebab: "Because that's my name." An offering, which I'm very glad to say, didn't follow a precedent set by Dick Strawbridge.

With so little to go on, though, India Fisher's script is having to do more heavy lifting than Emily Campbell to get any mileage out of this lot.

Not least with Donna herself who: "Lights up the screen with her larger-than-life comedic TV and film roles," in such diverse roles as "Fat Grimsby Lass" in Grimsby and "Fat Pat" in Hard Cell.

The production team realise the show's limitations, though. So they've attempted to jazz up Celebrity MasterChef's fixtures and fittings, starting with a decent new co-host, Giorgio Locatelli, who's as close to a saving grace as they're likely to get.

There's also a new MasterChef pin to be won, which gives contestants an advantage heading into the next round.

None of it saves the day, though, because the process is so grindingly repetitive it would nullify the original Rat Pack to the point you'd be five minutes into the show, and India Fisher would still be saying: "All-round entertainer Frank Sinatra is hoping to impress the judges with dishes from his Sicilian heritage."

Unfortunately, Celebrity MasterChef has no superstars, or even special guests that are particularly special, no matter how much the contestants ooh and aah when they arrive.

It's just got Zoe Ball, who swaggered into the kitchen on Wednesday with this show-stopping demand: "I want the celebrities to make me the ultimate pudding."

Then ask ITV to let you host another series of Soapstar Superstar. That'll do the trick.

SINKING FEELING . . . Grace, Paddy and Giorgio

WEASEL WOKERY OF BEEB

THE most cowardly and self-serving question of the week was asked by BBC1's Sunday Morning Live host Sean Fletcher, prior to a pointless studio discussion about the Jason Arday scandal.
"Is the media racist?"
Short answer, no.
Long answer, still no.
The print media was, in fact, the only institution in this whole sorry saga that did its job properly.
It wouldn't have had to ask all those awkward questions, though, if Cambridge University hadn't been so pathetically eager to believe Arday's fantasies and the BBC wasn't so smitten with his "DEI poster boy" credentials they featured him on 11 programmes and even got him to guest edit the Today show. An astonishing right-on indulgence which meant that when his fairytale did inevitably fall apart it was a global humiliation rather than a localised disaster.
In the wake of such a personal tragedy, a responsible broadcaster would probably re-examine its own values and political culture.
The BBC, though, is so lost to the cult of woke it knows that if it pulls at the Diversity Equity and Inclusion thread the entire corporation will quickly unravel.
So instead, like many equally culpable left-wing pressure groups, all of Auntie's dumbest and most brainwashed programmes will now try to dig it out of a hole by pointing the finger at the "evil press" who did nothing but tell the truth and hold a mirror up to an establishment which is destroying not just individuals but the entire country with its deranged woke obsessions.
Expect an EastEnders storyline presently.

CELEBRITY MasterChef, Giorgio Locatelli: "I want to see something that looks like a super Spotted Dick."
Then check out the old YouTube videos of Stephen Hendry on Pot Black.

lookalike of the week

THIS week's winner is Andy Gray and Christopher Lloyd's version of Uncle Fester in The Addams Family.
Sent in by David Nolan, Birmingham.

Great sporting insights

JAY BOTHROYD: "Some of the players are square holes in round pegs."
Kris Boyd: "Mbeumo gets that shot away with his right hand foot."

And Warren Barton: "Don't just be in the Premier League to enjoy it. You could soon be back in the Championship. So go out there and enjoy it."
(Compiled by Graham Wray)

TV GOLD

THE return of BBC1 masterpiece Ludwig, with the perfectly cast David Mitchell, *below.*

BBC1's Ann Droid, which always stayed just the right side of schmaltzy.

Ray Gelato livening up The Voice: UK no end.

And C5's fantastically cheesy Benidorm Is Murder featuring increasingly rare cut-away shots of British people looking happy.

The week's best show by some distance, though, was The Murder Detective, Channel 4's stunning examination of Lyra McKee's senseless murder.

A three-part documentary that should be watched by everyone, but especially those people who, either through naivety or evil intent, trot out the lazy cliche about Northern Ireland: "One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter."

Because they're not. They're all just cowardly, pathetic terrorists.

GREAT TV lies and delusions of the month.

Celebrity Hunted, Ray Howard: "We are not going to be outwitted by Gloria Hunniford." (Guess what?)

Good Morning Britain, Kate Garraway: "John Partridge, we know you're totally adorable and everyone loves you."

Celebrity MasterChef, Grace Dent: "Celebrities, that round was truly unforgettable." And involved a chilli con carne, or a tagliatelle, or possibly Donna Preston's beef kebab.

Truth be told, I forget.

TV mysteries of the month. Why has EastEnders' Ian Beale forgotten he's a trained boxer in prison? How come Channel 4's Hunted team never catch anyone at night?

Why does This Morning's Nicola Thorp always look so impossibly pleased with herself? And what are the chances of the fourth series of ITV's Trigger Point finally featuring some Islamist terrorists?

'Cos my guess is zero. Just round up the usual "far right" suspects, Lana. It'll save time.

MEANWHILE, at the European Gymnastics Championships, it's BBC2's Craig Heap: "Look at Aleksei Usachev's length. You wouldn't deduct much on that, would you, Christine? He can put a half turn in it as well." If you ask him nicely, Christine.

AS well as being the Camera Trainee on C5's Benidorm Is Murder, television's name of the week is also the best children's TV spin-off you'll never see. Pepa Prats.

BOSNIA BUTCHER DIES IN JAIL AT 84

EVIL war criminal Ratko Mladic — known as the Butcher of Bosnia — has died in prison aged 84.

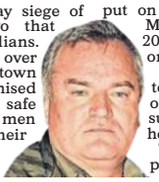
Mladic, also convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity, was being held at the United Nations detention centre in The Hague.

As commander of the Bosnian Serb army during the wars in the former Yugoslavia in 1992-95, he ordered the massacres of tens of thousands of people in bloody ethnic cleansing purges.

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

Mladic led the 1,425-day siege of Bosnian capital Sarajevo that killed 13,000, mainly civilians.

In 1995 his troops took over a UN safe zone in the town of Srebrenica. They promised local Muslims they were safe before massacring 8,000 men and boys and piling their bodies into mass graves. After the war, he went on the run for 16 years until he was finally tracked down in rural Serbia in 2011 and put on trial in the Netherlands.



Massacres . . . Mladic

Mladic was jailed for life in 2017. His sentence was upheld on appeal in 2021.

UN judges denied his legal team's bid for early release on medical grounds after he suffered several strokes and heart problems.

The Dutch authorities are probing his death.

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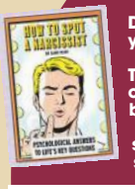
TEST IS A DULL-IGHT

How boring are you? Take our quizzzzz

By NADIA COHEN



DO friends stifle yawns when you quote lines from your favourite films, or groan at your jokes?

If the answer is yes, you may actually be quite dull. That's according to the book How To Spot A Narcissist, out this week. Discover if others think you're a bit of a bore by taking our quiz by author Dr Sandi Mann.

Read each of the below statements and score yourself between one and five – where one means you strongly disagree and five means you strongly agree.

1. When I tell a story or anecdote, it tends to take me a long time
2. I generally tend to bring conversations around to myself
3. I think it's funny and smart to quote from my favourite movies
4. I like to share the interesting things that have happened to me
5. I am not the sort of person who is always smiling or joking
6. I am quite critical, so tend to point out what is wrong in the world
7. People groan at my jokes but I know they like them really
8. Life is a very serious business – I don't have much time for frivolity
9. I am very interested in a few topics and talk about them a lot
10. I have a few good anecdotes that I tend to repeat a lot
11. I prefer to let people speak without asking them any questions
12. I don't have many hobbies or interests outside of work

Score 12-24 FINE

HOORAY! You are not at all boring. You have a wide range of interests, use lots of emotional range in your language, listen to other people and let them talk.

You have plenty to say because you lead an interesting and varied life, but you are just as interested in finding out more about other people.

While you like to have a bit of a moan and a gossip, you don't constantly complain.

You also manage to tell stories without going off on irrelevant tangents and speak with enthusiasm about a wide range of topics that aren't all "me me me".

Score 25-36 RISKY

YOU may sometimes bore people, but there is hope you can become more interesting – as being aware of the issue is the first step to changing your habits.

Perhaps you revel in telling long, rambling stories that never seem to get to the point.

Or maybe you include every single detail because you think your audience will be fascinated (they won't).

If you find yourself speaking very slowly, repeatedly telling the same joke or anecdote or keep talking about yourself, you need to make some changes.

Score 37-48 DULL

OH dear. You probably think you're a fascinating person who is full of interesting anecdotes but others find you boring.

Perhaps your main interest in life is something rather obscure and niche and you like to talk about this subject incessantly.

Or maybe you don't show any interest in other people and what they have to say, avoiding any attempts to engage in two-way conversation.

Try broadening your interests so you have a wider range of topics to talk about, ask people about themselves and keep your anecdotes brief.

ALERT OVER COST TO TAXPAYER

Plan . . . Ms Badenoch

'We will deport all illegal migrants'

BY KEMI BADENOCH
Conservative Party Leader

LABOUR claim the small boats crisis is being solved. It is not.

The truth is that there are fewer illegal immigrants in asylum hotels because the Government is sticking them in alternative accommodation.

Moving people from hotels into communities or giving them legal status is not fixing the problem. It makes things much worse.

Labour is putting people with fundamentally different cultures and beliefs on our doorsteps. Many of those cultures and beliefs are completely incompatible with our way of life.

Even more seriously, a lot of these men pose a significant risk to our young girls.

But instead of deporting illegal arrivals, Labour is handing them leaflets telling them not to rape.

Nobody who saw what happened in the Channel this summer can pretend our border is secure.

My Shadow Home Secretary, Chris Philp, went to see the crossings himself and, while accidentally being shot at by the French, recorded the mega dinghies being used.

If people who arrive illegally know they will ultimately be allowed to stay, the incentive to get on a boat remains.

No party can afford to be weak on immigration.

It is not just a UK problem. It is a global problem. We all have a responsibility to work together to tackle it.

I have seen what failed before and I have a clear plan to fix it.

The Conservatives will leave the ECHR and other international rules preventing Britain from controlling our borders.

We will ban asylum claims by illegal migrants and deport them quickly.

Britain also needs much tougher rules for permanent settlement.

We will double the number of years it takes to qualify for leave to remain, and add another five years before you can claim citizenship.

Reducing the number of people in asylum hotels is only good if it means fewer people arriving illegally in the country. Giving them settlement is not a victory, it is surrender.

The Conservatives will deport every illegal immigrant. Our country is our home, not a hotel.

199,628 granted indefinite leave to remain (ILR) in the year to June

245,520 people became British citizens in the year to June

Queue's who . . . passengers wait for passport check at Heathrow airport

ONE MIGRANT EVERY MINUTE

Rate they are granted permanent right to stay

MIGRANTS have been granted permanent settlement or British citizenship at a rate of more than one a minute, figures reveal.

A total of 140,122 secured one of the two statuses in just three months to June — equivalent to 1.07 every 60 seconds.

It comes amid a wider rush to secure permanent status ahead of tougher immigration rules.

Some 199,628 people were granted indefinite leave to remain (ILR) in the year to June — up 24 per cent and the most in 16 years. The status allows them to live in Britain permanently, claim benefits and apply for social housing if eligible.

Reform UK claims they could leave taxpayers with a £48billion bill over their lifetimes.

Over the same period, 245,520 became British citizens and a record 315,224 applied for citizenship.

Tories and Reform last night seized on the figures to warn of the growing cost to taxpayers.

Reform's Home Affairs spokesman Zia Yusuf said: "The Boriswave of millions of unskilled migrants the Tories let in are now qualifying for ILR. They're about to bankrupt our country. Reform will abolish ILR and reverse the Boriswave."

By MARTINA BET

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp also accused Labour of an "immigration free-for-all".

He said: "Indefinite leave to remain comes with access to benefits, social housing and a British passport at the end of it, and Labour are waving it through faster than anyone ever has."

Settlement numbers could soar further in the coming years as the foreign workers who came to Britain after Brexit reach the point where they can stay permanently.

The Home Office estimates that from 1.3million to 2.2million could settle between 2026 and 2030.

Reform's analysis claims the taxes paid by migrants who came on work visas will be massively outweighed by the lifetime costs of dependants, refugees and other groups granted ILR.

It puts the overall net lifetime bill for this year's recipients at £48.5billion, after taking into account taxes paid and the cost of benefits and public services.

And the party warned this could prove a relatively cheap year as more foreign care workers become eligible for permanent status.

The prospect of such a huge settlement wave comes as Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood prepares to rip up the existing system.

Her planned "earned settlement" regime would double the standard wait for permanent status from five to ten years, with lower-paid foreign workers facing 15 years and refugees at least 20.

High-earners and some public sector staff may qualify sooner but those who claim benefits or commit crimes could face longer waits.

But Ms Mahmood is under pressure from left-wing Labour MPs to ease back on the crackdown, including over how the regime should apply to migrants already living in Britain. She has promised "transitional arrangements" for those already here but has yet to confirm the final rules.

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HOTEL BILL IS HALVED

By JULIA ATHERLEY

THE number of migrants staying in hotels has halved in a year — with many moved into homes in the community instead.

Almost 90,000 asylum seekers are being housed at the taxpayers' expense, with 73,068 in HMOs, flats and army bases.

A total of 16,021 are in hotels, down from 32,059 last year.

In ten years, the number getting Government aid for housing or cash has doubled to 93,293. Immigration minister Anna Turley told The Sun: "We've slashed in half the asylum seekers in hotels in a year and saved £1billion since the election." Chris Philp, Shadow Home Secretary, said: "A Tory government would deport every illegal immigrant."

KYLIE TOPS THE BILL

KYLIE MINOGUE will be popping her prosecco this weekend after landing her first-ever billion-stream hit on Spotify with Can't Get You Out Of My Head.

The song is currently being streamed around 850,000 times per day – almost 25 years to the week after its release on September 8, 2001.

Can't Get You Out Of My Head was the lead single from her album Fever and has become her landmark hit.

The track hit the No1 spot in over 40 countries and sold more than five million copies worldwide.

Incredibly, in the UK it sold 306,000 copies in the first week it was on sale alone.

The song was heralded as the greatest global pop song of the 21st century and Kylie admitted it deserved to have a place in the history books. Earlier this month she said: "I do believe that it has its place in that realm.

"Sonically and visually and at that point in my life, I think, what was I? What, 32? I was settling into myself."'

It was part of her 21st century comeback after establishing herself with early hits from **STOCK, AITKEN** and **WATERMAN** and then dance label Deconstruction.

But Can't Get You . . . was, says Kylie: "Like riding a spaceship."

It's yet another career milestone for the much-loved Aussie, who has had a bumper few years.

In May she hit the top spot on Netflix with her hard-hitting self-titled documentary series.

Next month Kylie will headline Australia's biggest sporting event – the Aussie Rules Grand Final in Melbourne.

IT'S funny what some celebs will do for money. Just take RUPERT GRINT for example.

The actor, who played Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter films, is reprising his role for a stint on Broadway in Harry Potter And The Cursed Child.

Rupert has since come under fire from the trans community for the decision, after he previously said he was on their side in their row with J.K ROWLING.

Rupert said: "Ron Weasley has been a part of me since I was 11 years old and I can't wait to meet him again at this stage of life."

I think what Rupert actually means is: "Playing Ron Weasley made me a shed load of money and now I want some more."

IT'S DEJA VU FOR B*WITCHED

NINETIES' pop chart-toppers **B*WITCHED** are riding high after some huge live shows and will release a new EP.

The Irish group – **LINDSAY ARMAOU**, twin sisters **EDELE** and **KEAVY LYNCH** and **SINEAD O'CARROLL** – topped the UK charts with their first four singles.

Now they are back doing what they do best, 24 years after being mercilessly dumped by their record label.

TRACK . . . Lindsay

New single Firefly is out now with an EP later this year.

In an exclusive chat Lindsay said: "We've got some other songs in the bag which we're planning to release – so there will be a new EP."

Back in June, there were tears of joy as the group returned to the biggest of stages to support **BOYZONE** over two nights at the Emirates Stadium in London.

It was a family affair, as Boyzone's **SHANE** is Edele and Keavy's brother, and emotions were high backstage.

Lindsay added: "It was incredible on so many levels.

"Who would have thought that almost 30 years after the release of C'est La Vie we'd be doing this still and in a stadium?

"The fact that it was Boyzone as well was quite poignant."

ALAN WITH Recruits Faith

WHEN ALAN CARR 'murdered' PALOMA FAITH in plain sight on The Celebrity Traitors last year, some wondered if their close friendship would ever recover.

But they have kissed and made up with the gift of a huge new role on The Masked Singer.

I can reveal Alan is set to recruit the Only Love Can Hurt Like This star for his panel of

MADE UP . . . Alan and Paloma at this year's Baftas

GOT GOSSIP? CALL OR WHATSAPP THE

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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BELT PULLS DOWN ERLING

SPARE a thought for ERLING HAALAND's underlings.

I'm told the Manchester City goal-machine's inner circle spent Tuesday frantically running around The Midland Hotel in Manchester looking for a belt for him to wear, after his stylist forgot to pack one for the PFA Awards.

As the day went on, my mole spotted his team becoming more and more erratic, with one practically begging someone to lend them a belt.

But it turns out their sweating was all for nothing, as Erling, *left*, ended up being so late – he missed the ceremony.

Perhaps next time they should pack him a watch.

Lily's a model Flowers girl

SHE'S been performing non-stop on her West End Girl tour so the offer of a little lie down was perfect for LILY ALLEN.

She posed in her undies for a new campaign for Intimissimi as she prepared for her next show at Madison Square Garden in New York next Thursday.

Lily first joined forces with the underwear giant at the start of the year.

She said of their new range, called Pretty Flowers: "I picked my favourite balconette bra, the Sofia.

"The shape and structure give the best support but without compromising on style."

Photography by INTIMISSIMI

NICK FELT BIT GRIM

NICK GRIMSHAW almost missed **THE 1975** frontman **MATTY HEALY**'s wedding after a severe allergic reaction.

On the Sidetracked podcast he co-hosts with fellow DJ **ANNIE MAC,** Nick revealed he had to be rushed to an Italian hospital after a juice drink caused his face to swell.

He said: "It was so bad, so bad, my nose inflated outwards and my eyes all puffed up.

"I looked like I was in Cats the musical.

"I was freaking out. The hotel were freaking out, they were like, 'Oh, are you allergic to nuts?'

"I was like, 'no'.

"It was bad, I had to go to the ER and have a f***ing steroid shot."

PUFFED UP . . Nick suffered allergic reaction

Nick was able to make it back in time to see Matty tie the knot with top model **GABBRIETTE BECHTEL.**

Nick, added: "I looked crazy because my face was all inflamed. Then the steroid shot made me feel really weird, and all my joints were hurting."

CHARLI XCX, who is married to The 1975's **GEORGE DANIEL**, was Nick's saviour.

He said: "Charli was super helpful and super caring."

CHASE & STATUS are back with their brand new album, Generic Everything.

It's the follow up to the drum and bass outfit's 2022 record What Came Before.

The duo today dropped a new single, Gone Too Far featuring DEBBIE, from the new album – which is due to be released on October 9.

QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE have also confirmed their new record Perfecth, out October 30, with new single Insignificant Other out today.

And if you're looking for something new to listen to this weekend, try out new single Air, from rising electro artist SOPHIE GREY, who will also be performing at Manchester Pride tomorrow.

While TINY HABITS have released new tune Love Ruins Everything.

IS BACK HIS PAL

to join him on The Masked Singer

wildcard detectives on the new series, which begins filming next month.

Alan, Paloma and **STACEY SOLOMON** – plus one other yet-to-be-named star – are lined up to go against the original pack of **JONATHAN ROSS**, **DAVINA McCALL**, **MAYA JAMA** and **MO GILLIGAN** in the hit ITV show.

A source said: "Paloma made no secret of the fact she was furious Alan had forced her exit from The Celebrity Traitors so swiftly, killing her in plain sight by touching her face.

"But they reconciled and Alan has sealed the reunion with a lovely new job offer.

"Paloma will be fantastic value on The Masked Singer as she's an incredible music artist with an ear for tone and musicality, so her guesses will come from a place of real experience.

"But she's also great on the box because she's so much fun.

"Her relationship with Alan is also well-known to viewers, so was a real draw for execs."

Paloma was raging when she learnt it was Alan who'd booted her off **CLAUDIA WINKLEMAN**'s hit show, ranting: "Categorically, he had a choice – maybe it was the easiest option, but it was the choice he made and I don't think it was very nice."

But she later relented and added: "When they told me [it was Alan] I was completely shocked and couldn't believe it, because he was like one of two people I knew in there.

"But he's just the most wonderful human being, you just can't . . . you just look at him and think, 'Oh my God, I love you so much'. It's completely impossible for me to hold a grudge."

Good job she didn't, eh.

DEMI LOVATO knows how to keep cool for the summer.

The former Disney star shared a snap of herself riding a jetski in a colourful bikini while enjoying some downtime from her It's Not That Deep tour.

But her holiday has gone by in a flash, as Demi will be back on stage tonight in Atlantic City.

It's been years since Demi performed in the UK, so we're hoping she jumps over the Pond to see her British fans soon.

Jet back soon, Demi

Products available in-store and online. Products include: Iceland 2 Creamy Chicken Bakes 260g, £1, £3.85/1kg; Iceland Two Minute Slice Cheese Pizza 150g, £1, £6.67/1kg; Iceland Two Minute Slice Pepperoni Pizza 150g, £1, £6.67/1kg; Iceland 2 Cheese & Ham Bakes 260g, £1, £3.85/1kg; Iceland 2 Jumbo Sausage Rolls 280g, £1, £3.57/1kg; Iceland 2 Pizza Subs Pepperoni 264g, £1, £2.79/1kg; Iceland Cheese & Tomato Pasta 400g, £1, £2.50/1kg; Iceland 2 Bacon & Cheese Turnovers 180g, £1, £5.56/1kg; Iceland Two Minute Slice Hawaiian Pizza 150g, £1, £6.67/1kg; Iceland 2 Cheese & Onion Bakes 260g, £1, £3.85/1kg; Iceland Two Minute Slice Cheese & Ham Pizza 150g, £1, £6.67/1kg; Iceland 2 Pizza Subs Cheese & Tomato 270g, £1, £3.70/1kg. Selected products only. Subject to availability. UK Iceland and The Food Warehouse stores only, excludes The Range and Iceland Local stores. *Online: a minimum spend of £25 is required to place an order online. Minimum spend for both in-store and online deliveries excludes the purchase of Bonus Club savings and carrier bags. A small basket charge of £4 will apply if your online basket value is between £25 and £39.99. The small basket charge will not apply when your online basket value is £40 or more. This charge will be detailed in your basket before you check out. Delivery charges may also apply to your order if you select same-day delivery. These charges are detailed on the Book a Delivery page and will be shown in your basket before you check out. Products and delivery slots are subject to availability. Delivery address for any online orders must be within the delivery catchment. For full terms and conditions of delivery, see iceland.co.uk/terms.

Pundit . . . Carragher

Footie's Jamie in tax fight 'victory'

By THOMAS GODFREY

FOOTBALL'S Jamie Carragher has avoided being declared bankrupt after a tax dispute.

The Sky Sports pundit, 48, faced a High Court petition from the taxman after failing to pay a bill said to be between £700,000 and £800,000, the BBC reported.

The case was filed yesterday in London but the ex-Liverpool and England defender's reps insisted the matter will be settled.

A judge would have declared him bankrupt had he not resolved it.

Carragher is thought to rake in more than £1million a year from TV punditry work. He also does podcasts and is director of four firms.

His spokesman said: "This should have been resolved sooner and the appropriate steps are being taken today to settle it. It is understood the matter will not proceed any further and will be resolved imminently."

Tragedy . . Rick & Alan

Father & son die in slurry tank fall

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A FATHER and son have died after falling into a slurry tank on a farm.

Farmers Alan and Rick Ford were pulled from the industrial tank by 999 crews in a major rescue operation but both men were pronounced dead at the scene.

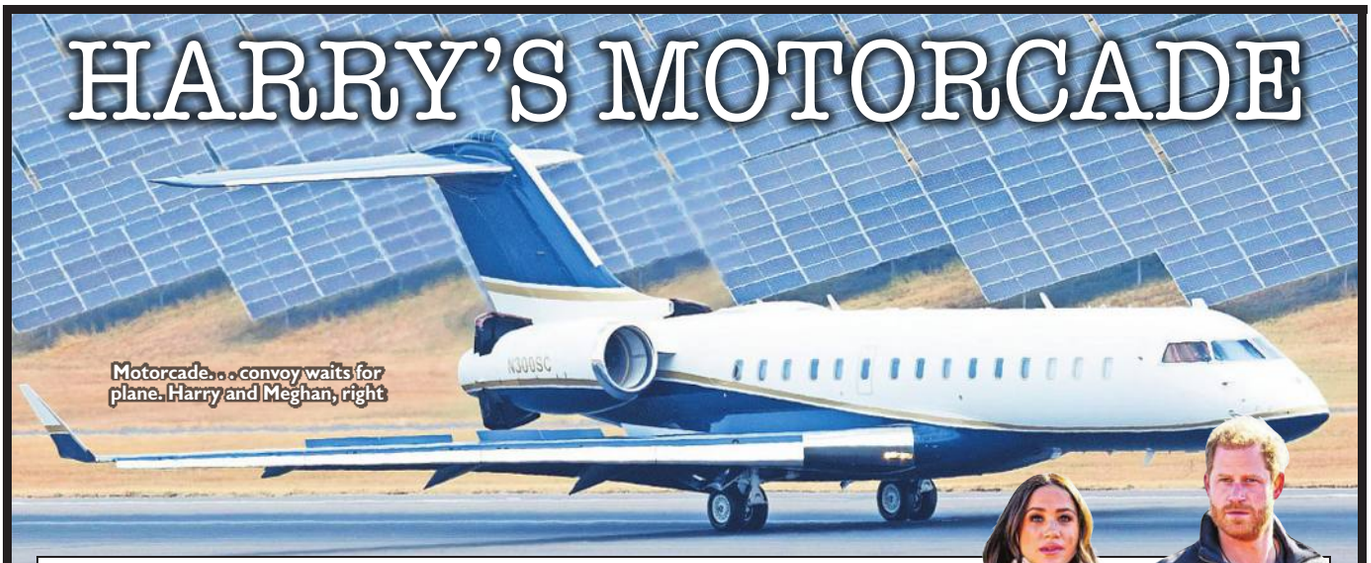
Paramedics police, firefighters and the air ambulance helicopter all raced to the farm at Aston by Budworth, Cheshire, on Wednesday.

Alan, 72, had recently retired as chairman of Cheshire Agricultural Society and his son, 42, was still closely involved.

A statement from the society said: "The Ford family have worked tirelessly for the society for many years and Alan and Rick will be very sadly missed."

Cheshire Police said an investigation into the deaths is under way and the Health & Safety Executive is involved.

HARRY'S MOTORCADE



Motorcade. . . convoy waits for plane. Harry and Meghan, right

A US-style security motorcade waits on the tarmac as the plane carrying the Sussexes back to Britain from LA taxies to a halt.

Prince Harry, wife Meghan and kids Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, were whisked off from Birmingham airport by a convoy of two blacked-out Range Rovers

By ED SOUTHGATE

following a Mercedes people-carrier on Wednesday. Security was provided by their own team, with no taxpayer-funded cops.

They were taken to accommodation ahead of the kids starting school next month. There are questions over whether taxpayers will fund their security. Harry last year lost a legal fight with the Home Office to get close protection.

It is understood the Sussexes are waiting on a fresh assessment after losing their right to automatic armed police guards when they quit as working royals.

Picture: KELVIN BRUCE

KAY'S SUPPORT ON CANCER

DAVINA: PETER WAS MY ROCK

Davina . . and Peter, right

TELLY star Davina McCall said Peter Kay was a surprise supporter in her fight with two bouts of cancer — as they hardly knew each other.

The Masked Singer panellist, 58, was called by the comic, 53, while she battled a brain tumour.

Not only did the comedian help Davina in overcoming the life-threatening illness in 2024, he stayed in touch and helped her when, the following year, she developed breast cancer.

By ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

Reflecting on overcoming both illnesses, Davina said: "Do you know who really helped me, actually, and it was really strange? Peter Kay.

"He called me when I was in hospital with my brain tumour. I really don't know him that well but he was unbelievably supportive.

"When I had my breast cancer diagnosis he just talked me through what to do. He said, 'What do you want to do? How do you feel about it?'

"And he said, 'I think you know what you want to do.' And I was like, 'Yeah I want to talk about it.'"

Davina also paid tribute to her husband Michael Douglas, revealing her cancer fight brought them closer.

She added: "The tumour pushed us apart because I had no short-term memory — I was over here trying to get better and he was over worrying if I was ever going to come back.

"But cancer smushed us back together in such a weird way, it was just a beautiful way for us to just reconnect and rebond."

Davina was speaking as she received the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Edinburgh TV Festival.

As well as her entertainment shows she has made documentaries about the menopause — after going into peri-menopause at 44 — and is proud to have helped others.

Davina yelled on stage: "I am living my best f*****g life! And I am going to carry on doing that so you can see that it is going to be OK. But I've been reborn."

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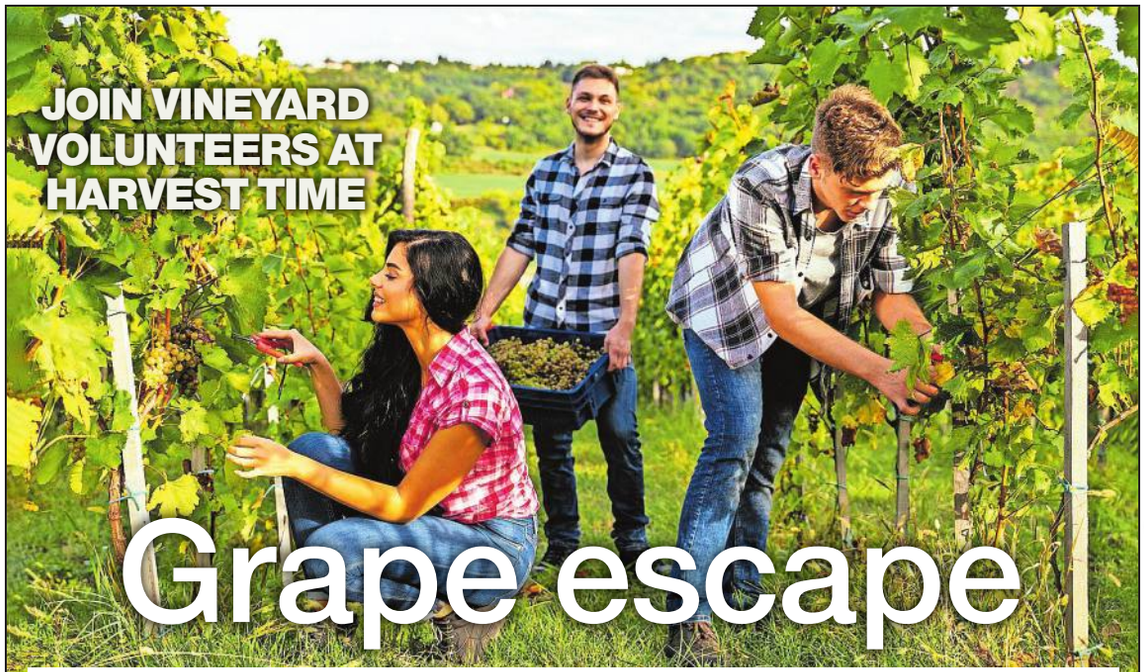

JOIN VINEYARD VOLUNTEERS AT HARVEST TIME

Grape escape

VINEYARDS across the country are counting down the days to harvest time.

By LANA CLEMENTS

Many people pay to tour wineries and sample their finest tipples, but there's another way to enjoy the experience.

At this time of year, many vineyards look for volunteer fruit-pickers, and it's a great way to have a day out with friends, meet new people – and maybe get a little tipple for your trouble.

Cheers, I mean, here's all you need to know . . .

GRAPE DAY OUT: September is usually harvest time, when all the grapes get picked from the vines, ready to be made into wine. In many areas, harvest days have become community events where volunteers pull on their wellies and chat to others while they work.

You can expect to spend around four hours picking grapes before you break for lunch and a glass of wine, which is often provided by the vineyard.

Mike Wagstaff, who founded Greyfriars Vineyard in Surrey with his wife Hilary in 2010, said: "For the last four years we have organised between two and three days of picking with about 120 volunteers coming to help us each day.

"We try to make it as much a celebration as getting the job done."

GET ORGANISED: If you're keen to get involved, now is the time to sign up to mailing lists so you can secure a spot.

Greyfriars has just confirmed harvest days for 19, 26 and 27 September, and emails asking for volunteers will go out this week.

Small, family-run vineyards are more likely to have harvest days.

Kerry Vale Vineyard in Shropshire and Ryedale Vineyards in Yorkshire are both on the lookout for wine-loving locals to help them harvest their grapes.

SEASONAL WORK: If you like the idea of volunteering at a vineyard, help isn't just needed at harvest time.

Some wineries need assistance with pruning after winter, as well as general maintenance during the spring so there's something to get stuck into all year round.

● All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

What's new?

COSTA'S new autumn menu includes the return of its Maple Hazel range, including a latte, hot chocolate and frappe.

TOP SWAP

SMARTEN up with New Look's black patent bow loafers, *above*, £35.99. Or step towards a more affordable pair from Matalan, *below*, £18.

£35.99

SAVE: £17.99

£18

Little helper

SORT back to school lunchboxes with help from Aldi's Dino rolls, £1.49. Stock up to stomp out little ones' snack cravings.

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SWELL & HIGH WATER

Picture: ALAMY

By ELEANOR GUNN

CITY streets were turned into rivers yesterday after a month's rain fell in just one night.

Residents had to bail water out of cars and unblock drains during the flood near Birmingham's Tame Valley Canal, *far right*.

Around 32 homes were damaged as downpours followed the heatwaves.

One owner said: "It was just a river coming round the corner, all the way down the road."

Most of the UK got soaked, including London Bridge commuters, *right*.

Optimus star dies

TRANSFORMERS voice actor Peter Cullen died yesterday, aged 85.

The Canadian star was best known for voicing Optimus Prime in Transformers TV shows and films from 1984 to 2023.

At first he was puzzled by how to play the alien robot, saying: "I was told it was a hero, and I was told it was a truck."

Cullen, who died at his LA home, also provided Eeyore's voice in Winnie The Pooh cartoons from the 1980s to 2010s.

PIPES DREAM

Organist Keith Watts, 88, has no plans to stop after playing at Thomas a Becket Church, Lydlinch, Dorset, for 73 years.

ATTACKS IN 1980s

PERV MISS GUILTY OF PUPIL SEX

Teacher, 65, faces prison

By JULIA ATHERLEY

A TEACHER has been found guilty of indecently assaulting two pupils at an all-boys school in the late 1980s.

Sally-Anne Bowen had sex with the boys when they were aged around 14 to 15 and she was in her mid-20s.

Yesterday, a jury found the 65-year-old guilty of sexual assault after deliberating for six and a half hours.

One complainant told the court he had been "in love" with the chemistry teacher at Christ's College in Finchley, North London.

He said he had sex with her "about 20 or 30 times", would visit her home and considered her to be his girlfriend.

The man – who cannot be named for legal reasons – said he had kept the relationship secret because she had "drummed it" into him not to tell anyone.

A second complainant said he had kissed the teacher in a cafe after being "goaded" into it by other boys.

Former pupil Tobias Oliver said Bowen would pose "like pop star Sabrina Carpenter", and recalled how she opened her legs to allow pupils to leer up her skirt and was seen being groped in a school stairwell.

Mr Oliver, who did not know the complainants, told the court: "The conversation in class often strayed away from chemistry and became quite sexual."

During the trial at Harrow crown court, North West London, Bowen claimed the allegations were a "total fabrication".

But the jury of six men and six women convicted her of seven charges of indecent assault with majority verdicts of ten to two on each count.

Bowen, of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, was granted bail.

She is due to be sentenced on November 20.

Indecent assault carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison.

Convicted . . . Bowen

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Dazzled . . . Murray

Woman's Hour Jen headlight car death

By ED SOUTHGATE

BROADCASTER Dame Jenni Murray died days after a car crash triggered by headlight glare, an inquest heard yesterday.

Ex Radio 4 Woman's Hour host Dame Jenni, 75, had been "dazzled by vehicle lights and hit two stationary vehicles".

She was admitted to hospital with fractures to her ribs and sternum, and a collapsed lung.

Her condition deteriorated and she died on March 12 this year, eight days after the accident in Hampstead Heath, North West London.

North London coroner Tony Murphy ruled cause of death was bronchopneumonia caused by injuries from the crash.

The Met Police investigated but took no further action, Barnet coroner's court was told.

Dame Jenni was on Woman's Hour from 1987 to 2020. She announced on air in 2006 that she had breast cancer.

Freeman . . as Watson

Wat's in a name for Sherlock legal win

By RICHARD MORIARTY

THE family of the creator of Sherlock Holmes has won a legal fight over the name rights to the literary detective's sidekick.

Relatives of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle acted over a trademark for a range of Dr Watson clothing.

They argued the move would make people think of the character, played in BBC series Sherlock by Martin Freeman.

Joel Brown wanted to add a Dr Watson range of leisure and sportswear to his Baker Street group in Altrincham, Cheshire.

But the UK Intellectual Property Office ruled "the average consumer is likely to mistake the parties' marks for one another".

Hearing officer Catrin Williams said: "I find a significant proportion of the relevant public will understand Dr Watson as a reference to the literary character found in the Sherlock Holmes stories."

Mr Brown must pay £1,300 in costs.

SUN PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LATE,

LOVE BLOOMS . . . star's signature yellow roses left by fans at gates of her ranch in Tennessee along with cards and balloons. *Left*, Jason Denton and Sherry Gilleland holding flowers and poster of them with country legend. *Far left*, fan Mandy Madson taking selfie in Dolly wig

From
SCARLET HOWES
US Editor in Tennessee

IT felt like the whole of Brentwood, Tennessee, was in mourning for Dolly Parton yesterday as her music played out of every shop, bar and restaurant.

The Sun visited the country legend's ranch where she spent her last days – and tears were in almost everyone's eyes as they told us what she meant to them.

Stuntwoman Chelsea Weuter, 41, made the six-hour trip on her motorbike from Georgia while listening to a playlist of the chart-topper's hits.

She said: "I wanted to lay flowers at a place where Dolly loved.

"Who doesn't love Dolly? She was the coolest woman."

Outside Dolly's home, flowers are resting alongside gifts, posters, notes and balloons from devastated fans who have travelled across the US.

We lay her favourite yellow roses and a card that read: "Dear Dolly. Hope there is comfort knowing that someone so loved will always be remembered. With love from The Sun."

Despite sadness at her death on Tuesday, there was an air of celebration of her life.

The star would have been delighted to know that nearly every driver who passed her home stopped to nod their head or give a wave.

'Her music will live on'

Others blared out I Will Always Love You and Coat Of Many Colors from their speakers, while some, with their windows down, belted out the songs at the tops of their voices.

Fans who were outside Dolly's 23-room house – where she had lived with husband Carl Dean from 1999 until his death last year – jiggled to the catchy songs as one proclaimed: "What a talented lady."

Dolly's favourite song, If We Never Meet Again (This Side Of Heaven), recorded by Johnny Cash, will be performed at her funeral, The Sun has learned – and she will be buried in her signature high heels and a cotton dress.

When The Sun told fans outside her home about her funeral plans, one mourner said with a laugh: "Of course she would be buried in heels. I would expect no less from Dolly."

The variety of mourners' tributes to Dolly showed how she touched many people in different ways.

Craig, 64, and Lisa Ratterman, 62, took a snap of their two-year-old grandson Oliver with one of the books he gets delivered every month from Dolly's gifting scheme Imagination Library.

Lisa said: "Children get a free book every month until they start school.

"We are both big fans and have lived here all our lives.

"She was a wonderful lady who cared about the community.

"Oliver's love for reading developed because of her."

Jessica Hornsby, 37, brought her little niece dressed in pink – Dolly's favourite colour – with a white ribbon in her hair as a nod to the country icon.

Jessica told us: "I wanted her to have this memory of being here and having this picture for ever. Dolly's music will always live on."

Jason Denton, 52, and Sherry Gilleland, 57, travelled five hours from Illinois just to lay flowers.

In floods of tears, Sherry said: "She knew us by name. We went to every concert. She helped me and my husband get married at one of her resorts."

But with the sun shining, it felt like friends gathering together rather than strangers as they swapped tales about Dolly.

Ken Hicks, 70, held a snap of him and the star decades ago when he met her while working on a country music show.

He said: "She was so down to

OUTPOURING . . . much-missed Dolly. *Left*, Chelsea Weuter and motorbike she rode for six hours to reach singer's home

Parton is

GREAT DOLLY AT HER TENNESSEE HOME

LOYAL READER . . . Craig and Lisa Ratterman with two-year-old grandson Oliver and one of his books sent by Dolly's gifting scheme

EMOTIONAL . . . Harry on stage at Madison Square Garden.

Photography by JEFF RAYNER Coleman-Rayner

SHOWING RESPECT . . . Sun's Scarlet with flowers and card

HARRY'S THANKS AT GIG

By SCARLET HOWES US Editor

HARRY STYLES paid tribute to Dolly Parton while performing in New York.

The former One Direction star told fans that the country music favourite was an inspiration.

Harry said at his gig on Wednesday night: "I want to say a proper thank you to all the musicians over the years that have inspired me.

"Dolly, we love you – thank you so much."

The crowd at Madison Square Garden responded with loud cheers, and Dolly's hit I Will Always Love You was played.

Harry didn't sing along but he asked the audience to dance to the song as the venue filled with lights from fans holding up their phones.

John Mayer also paid tribute to Dolly with the same song during his own show on the same night in New York.

The singer-songwriter closed his set with an instrumental guitar version of I Will Always Love You – made famous by Whitney Houston in her 1992 film The Bodyguard – before playing his hit Gravity.

such sweet sorrow

earth. I remember thinking people won't believe I've met her as her skin was so perfect she looked like a waxwork in the photo.

"She came from nothing, she was an incredible businesswoman and she always stayed true to her roots."

As the day went on, more and more people visited the site – even workers in high-vis jackets popped by on their lunch break.

One woman said she would visit every day for a week and that there will be so many flowers by the end there would be no room to walk on the street.

A US flag behind the gates of Dolly's home has been flown at half-mast in honour of her life.

President Donald Trump has asked for all flags across America to be lowered for a week as a mark of respect to the singer.

Meanwhile, at a secluded church where Dolly prayed in peace during the days leading up to her death, a gardener told us: "Dolly would sit in there.

"It has a white seat out front along with a concrete statue of Jesus Christ.

"It was her place of solitude where she could think and be alone. She loved it."

'She would wink at me'

There is also a small graveyard that has three plaques in the soil for her deceased dogs, including Cracker Jack, the stray who she wrote about in the 1974 song of the same name.

The gardener added: "That's the kind of woman she was. Even her pets were special to her.

"She would visit the graveyard to meditate and find inspiration for songwriting."

With tears in his eyes, fan Robin Humphries, 67, said: "I would often see her scooting around in a pink golf cart with her big blonde hair and big smile. She would wink at me and I thought she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen.

"I am just heartbroken."

Dolly died aged 80 while surrounded by her family at a cancer centre in the city after being admitted on Friday following months of ill health.

It followed a series of cancellations by the superstar who had postponed and then called off a six-show Las Vegas run in May.

Dolly will be laid to rest during a small, private service for immediate family at the Woodlawn Memorial Park, where her husband Carl is buried.

A note was left on her gate which read: "Fly high, Dolly. We will always love you." There was also a painting of the singer and butterfly balloons.

One card – left by "God" – had the message: "Welcome home Dolly. "The angels are singing, joy bells are ringing, Dolly is home."

And it wasn't just at her home where we felt the love.

Dolly's voice can be heard in every corner of Tennessee, with her country twang being listened to by young and old, as they go to work, school and catch public transport.

Her 1980 song 9 to 5 was being played from the speakers of a bus as passengers got on.

And many touching memorials have been set up in public places.

It's certainly going to take a long time for this place to let go of the Southern joy that was the one and only Dolly Parton.

FAVOURITE SONG . . . Johnny Cash track will be played at funeral

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Court . . Antanaitiene

Tutor 'sex pics for lag lover'

EXCLUSIVE by BENEDICT ELLIOT & JOHN LUCAS

A PRISON maths tutor smuggled naked snaps of herself to a lag and was found locked in a room with him, a court heard.

Oksana Antanaitiene, 51, allegedly had an illicit relationship with him while teaching inmates.

Staff discovered them locked in a staff office, the court was told.

Bosses at HMP Chelmsford, Essex, later found a USB stick in his cell containing nude photographs of her.

The Lithuanian tutor appeared at Colchester magistrates charged with misconduct in public office. The hearing was told she intends to plead guilty when she appears at Chelmsford crown court next month and she was granted bail.

It comes after another HMP Chelmsford tutor, Melissa Murphy, 49, got eight months' jail in January over an illicit relationship with a lag.

Golf cliff fall fears

ONE of England's oldest golf courses is in danger of collapsing into the sea.

Recent cliff falls due to coastal erosion threaten safety at Seaford Head.

The club plans to move its 18th tee and 17th green – which are now just feet from the unstable East Sussex chalk cliff.

The municipal club was formed in 1887 and is one of the oldest links golf courses in the country.

The plans need to be approved by the South Downs National Park.

Course manager Simon Lambert said: "It's for the safety of all users."

SNOOKER MURAL FRIGHT

Chalking dead . . . Ronnie on scary new mural

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ZOMBIE O'SULLIVAN

Live at Wuhan . . Ronnie

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES and ELEANOR GUNN

SNOOKER legend Ronnie O'Sullivan looks like he's really gone to pot in a terrifying new mural.

Fans were left spooked by Ronnie's zombie-like face on a wall near snooker's hallowed Crucible Theatre.

One said he thought it was AI after seeing a pic online, so went to check it out, adding: "Oh, it's real. Terrifying and real."

Another said: "God, that's creepy" while one called it "Ronnie from Planet of the Apes".

Artist Chris Ashmore says he is a "laughing stock" after photos emerged of it outside the Spot On Snooker Club in Sheffield.

But Chris, 39, claims it is unfinished. He said: "I was waiting for the scaffolding to come down to then make the job look right.

"But the scaffolding has come down and people have started taking pictures and it's done rounds on social media before it's even finished. I'm a laughing stock at the moment."

Seven-time world champion Ronnie, 50, *below*, nicknamed the Rocket, plays in the semi-finals of the Wuhan Open in China today after beating Mark Selby.

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Risk . . . from eggs

Foreign egg bug linked to 2 deaths

By SAM BLANCHARD

TWO people have now died in an outbreak of salmonella linked to imported eggs.

Cases have risen from 207 to 474 in three separate clusters, figures from the UK Health Security Agency reveal.

The Food Standards Agency's chief scientific adviser, Prof Ian Young, said: "There is no evidence UK-produced eggs are affected. Investigations have identified links to imported eggs."

Salmonella samples are genetically tested to help track new outbreaks.

Officials said babies, young children, pregnant women and older people should only eat thoroughly cooked eggs in restaurants and cafes.

The bug causes diarrhoea, fever and vomiting.

More than 130 cases have been linked to the salmonella outbreak in Belgium, the Netherlands Germany, France, Austria and Denmark.

Lag dealer . . . Mullings

£35k jail drug lord must pay back £1

By ELEANOR GUNN

A LAG who ran a drug-dealing empire from his cell with the help of his mother has been ordered to pay back just £1.

Alexander Mullings, 34, headed a gang who smuggled spice, crack, cannabis and designer drug U-47700, known as pink heroin into prisons.

The career criminal was jailed in 2024 for 19 years.

He was helped by his mum Alexandra Nicolaou, 54, who got seven years.

A confiscation hearing at Southwark crown court yesterday found Mullings made £35,000, but will have to pay back £1 as he has no assets.

Nicolaou was found to have £450,000 in assets, including £1,800 seized from her home in Hackney, East London.

She was ordered to pay back £11,398 or serve another six months.

Mullings had previously imported sub-machine guns from Germany using a phone in his cell.

AS NATION REELS AT 'JOYRIDE' D

EXCLUSIVE by
GRACE MACASKILL
Investigations Editor, Features

THE eyes staring back at me from behind the balaclavas showed not a shred of remorse.

Instead, this gang of masked teenagers laughed as they boasted of breaking into homes to steal car keys, nicking weapons and goading cops to chase them at high speed.

The 17 to 19-year-olds from a northern council estate even told of rigging up mobility scooters to make them go 70mph and mock police.

Their dangerous driving can kill – as shown last weekend when two cops died after a car carrying five young men was in collision with their police vehicle, also killing the youths.

Yet today's young tearaway drivers simply do not care.

I spent a month investigating these joyride gangs as one member casually said of being chased by cops: "Gets the adrenaline going, dunnit?"

Their attitude belies a toxic culture in which cravings for TikTok likes override common sense.

A quick look for joyride content on the site – in fact, any social media platform – is sobering.

In one clip, a man films himself on his phone with just one hand on the wheel, the driver's speedometer hits 178mph and the motorway becomes a scary blur.

In another video, the same motorist hits 109mph as a child in a baby seat beside him rubs his tired eyes and drinks from a bottle.

When grown adults are prepared to put their pre-school children at risk for a little bit of kudos on social media, society has hit a new low.

But my investigation showed how nonchalant these young fiends are.

They boasted to me of "ragging" cars and bikes – driving them as fast as possible – before "decamping", or dumping them then running off. They wear balaclavas to dodge prosecution – motto "no face, no case".

Hashtag #smoked

One menace told us: "I've got about 700 followers. You can just rag a car and annoy the cops and you get loads of people watching on TikTok. It gets the adrenaline going."

Another produced a serrated weapon he kept inside his trouser leg for "protection" against anyone who caught him up to no good.

One also told me they sell cars to crime gangs for as little as £300, with Nissans and Audis the favourites.

They said: "If you get a good car, you can sell it for £300 or £400 and motorbikes for about £200. Nissan Qashqai is a good'un."

Yet cops are reluctant to pursue youths riding powerful bikes without helmets – as the gangs know.

One officer told me: "No traffic officer is going to chase a teenager without a helmet because they'd be to blame if there was a fatality."

These gangs' antics are dangerous beyond belief but their "flexing" – showing off so-called skills – has more value to them than any innocent life they endanger.

Under hashtags such as #smoked and #chased, social media videos reveal blue-light night pursuits in residential areas while other drivers are brazen enough to torment police during the day, roaring past them at high speed.

It reflects how validation on TikTok is everything for Gen Z.

The Government has told social media giants to take down clips of dangerous driving following last week's tragic crash on the A66 near Middlesbrough.

And in Ireland last week, five teenagers were killed, and three sisters and a child were left fighting for their lives after a similar smash.

Downing Street said on Monday it had now raised the problem of the "glorification of dangerous driving" with social media giants – warning it will take "tough action" if platforms fail to get a grip.

Defence minister Luke Pollard called on online platforms to step up, saying: "They've argued for years they don't need to be regulated and that they can police themselves, so this is the challenge for them – remove that content. They know what is on their site. They know how their algorithm works. They also know that people post content to get views."

One in seven drivers aged 17 to 24 use phones to film videos or take pictures while driving, while one in six go on social media when at the wheel, research from the charity IAM RoadSmart reveals.

Policy director Nicholas Lyes warns kids are also trying to use a loophole to stop online content being removed.

He said: "Social media companies have a duty to ensure criminal activities are not circulated for likes and shares. But many of the accounts label content 'AI generated' in an apparent attempt to reduce the risk of removal by moderators." At least one of the five young men who died in the A66 crash, Jakub Matusiak, 23, had posted apparent dangerous driving content on TikTok.

The other youths were named as Makai Saddington, 18, Michael Robert Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, and Cole Robert Worthy, also 17.

Police had chased their Volkswagen Passat for nearly seven minutes before aborting as it started travelling down the A66 the wrong way.

Seconds later, it was involved in a collision with a second police car, killing PCs Matthew Blades, 37, and Tom Clough, 38, an ex-soldier who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It has since emerged Saddington was awaiting trial on charges of racially abusing and assaulting police officers.

His social media revealed clips appearing to show him taking part in high-speed police chases months before the crash. Matusiak also posted a video of himself apparently driving erratically on a housing estate in May, in broad daylight.

The clip, seemingly filmed by the driver himself, shows the car veering on to a green in the middle of the estate. The vehicle appears to head down a path as the driver steers with just his hand not holding the camera.

Meanwhile, in Ireland, sisters Ella Hendricken and Niamh and Alma Kinsella, plus Alma's son Yemi were left with horror injuries after a BMW driving the wrong way down the M9 was in collision with their car.

Ella, who is in her twenties, Niamh and Alma, in their thirties, and seven-year-old Yemi, were all badly injured in the crash near Moone, Co Kildare on August 16. The BMW

THE HOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY . . . joyride gang boasted to our Grace about their reign of terror

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STEER STUPIDITY . . . motorcyclist taunts cops and, *right*, machete mayhem

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er and passengers – named as Carthy, 15, Alex McCarthy, 16, Kennedy and Kamil Pustkowski, 17, and Jeremy O'Brien, 18 – e all killed.

remy's mum, Margaret Berry, told Irish Sun: "I don't condone what did – I wish my son had never into that car.

Loud music blaring

also hope the family who remain ospital can find some kind of for- ness some day. I will pray for them. My son and those other boys didn't out that night to intentionally hurt ple and my heart will always k for everyone who's involved in nightmare."

ne boys apparently identified with so-called Lucky Dip gang which e believe has been behind many carjacking and dangerous driving incidents near Dublin.

Echoing the A66 tragedy, some had posted clips of themselves being pursued by blue lights as loud music blared. They uploaded videos showing them weaving in and out of traffic, one with the caption: "Wrong way."

Some had also written "Lucky Dip" on their social media profiles.

Ex-officer Matthew Trott said police should stop pursuing criminals in cars and bring in drones instead.

He spent 22 years with Leicestershire Police and in 2009, was involved in a chase that ended in the death of Kevin Isaac, 43, of Leeds, who ploughed into a skip lorry after driving on the wrong side of the road.

Matthew, who was cleared of any wrongdoing, said: "I've been in too many pursuits to remember but they all ended up with a crashed car or the suspect being chased. It's highly dangerous. We have the technology to use drones that fly in such a way they can't be detected.

"They are already being used in policing in the Met to great success."

The joyride peril is expected to get worse before it gets better.

Retired Scotland Yard DCI Mick Neville said: "It's a contagion, so I've no doubt some idiots somewhere are thinking, 'We'll have a go at that'.

"Criminals pass on their tips on how to do it, and get the bravado of people liking it."

TikTok has now removed content flagged by The Sun, and insists it takes down all harmful content. It added that it is monitoring content related to the A66 crash.

Snapchat said reckless driving had "no place" on its platform, while Meta said it bans harmful content and bars under 18s-from seeing some posts.

But bereaved family members warn of the fatal consequences of drivers filming reckless road stunts.

In May, Denise Doyle spoke publicly after her partner, Sylvester Abayomi, 50, was killed in Manchester.

The two men responsible had filmed themselves inhaling nitrous oxide and driving at up to 139mph.

Addressing the defendants in court, she said: "You left Sylv to die alone. You did not show him even a shred of compassion or humanity."

Dafydd Hughes, 18, also lost his life, after getting into a car driven by an unlicensed, intoxicated friend in Wales in May 2022, who posted his reckless driving on social media.

Snapchat footage showed driver Ricky Davies drinking cider and smoking drugs behind the wheel.

His mum Emma later urged other youngsters to learn from the tragedy.

Months earlier, 17-year-old Nadia Yusuf was killed in Manchester. Rohail Jillani, 25, had filmed himself for Snapchat while inhaling nitrous oxide and driving at up to 98mph.

Youth justice figures show 11 per cent of all "proven offences" by 15 to 17-year-olds are linked to motoring – around 3,500. That may seem low, but perhaps not when you consider how many car thefts go unsolved by police. Only about one in every 40 cases results in a charge.

The reality is that the joyrider trend fuelled by social media is likely to result in even more tragedies.

Additional reporting: THEA JACOBS and LUKE CHAFER

ALERT . . . camera reads ghost plate

RACERS USE FALSE CAR REG

By ANNA ROBERTS

POLICE began pursuing the car of the gang in the A66 smash after cameras flagged fake number plates.

Cloned plates are regularly linked to more serious crime, as well as anti-social behaviour.

Daniel Day, 32, was jailed for three years and four months in 2024 after he supplied an estimated 7,000 bogus plates from his West Midlands home.

The DVLA reports 11,394 clones from January to December 2025 – although it admits some are likely admin errors – and a bill is now going through Parliament to crack down.

The fakes use the real registrations of other cars without their owners' knowledge. A ghost reg often features non-standard fonts and spacing but is treated with infrared-blocking spray so Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras cannot detect it.

One crime such plates have been linked to is the murder of Kyron Lee, 21, by the Chalvey Boyz machete gang in Slough, Berks, in 2022.

He was knocked off his bike by his killers in a stolen car with false plates.

That slowed Thames Valley Police's investigation but they eventually traced the attackers, who were jailed.

Motorists also use dodgy plates to evade driving penalties. Estimates from 2023 reveal that in London alone, there was a 64 per cent rise in the number of fines cancelled, after many were sent to innocent car owners whose plates had been cloned.

The official Register of Number Plate Suppliers requires all sellers to register with it. But anyone can become a member for just £40.

The Vehicle Identification Group, a group of academics advising the Government on the issue, said in a letter last year: "There is no vetting, no trading history requirement and no monitoring of members' practices.

"We found ten prepared to make cloned plates, around West Bromwich alone. To date, we have identified over 135 RNPS members nationally prepared to make cloned plates, and there will undoubtedly be more."

Parliament is now looking at tougher punishments for such plates. Fines currently start at £100 but Labour MP Sarah Coombes is campaigning for it to be raised to £1,000-plus, and six driving licence penalty points.

She said: "Everything from low-level anti-social behaviour to organised crime is being fuelled by these plates."

Friday

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TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

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9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits (S)
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11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Roo Irvine presents from Leominster, Herefordshire. (S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries NEW The sister is shaken and stirred when one of the actors screen-testing for a role in the new Agent Best film is murdered. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Jules Hudson helps find a location for a wellness retreat in north Wales. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop The creatives repair a Second World War jacket, a cine projector and an 1879 textbook. (R,S)
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10.40pm The rock band Fontaines DC perform at Reading Festival 2026

7.00 The One Show Angellica Bell and Lauren Laverne present the usual mix of celebrity guests and stories about people in extraordinary circumstances. (S)
7.30 The Travelling Auctioneers (2/20) Auctioneer Briony Harford finds valuable items that stir emotional memories, while restorer JJ Chalmers fixes a damaged clock to help widow Grace raise funds for a local charity. (R,S)
8.00 Celebrity MasterChef (6/15) The remaining four celebrities serve a three-course Mexican-themed meal to judges Grace Dent and Giorgio Locatelli before making a pub classic for Tom Kerridge. (S)
9.00 Would I Lie To You? (6/9) With guest players Sam Campbell, Diane Carson, Darren Harriott and AJ Odudu. (R,S)
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys (1/7) Agnes falls under a hypnotist's spell. (R,S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Fontaines DC @ Reading Festival 2026 The Brit Award-winning five piece from Dublin perform as the second of the Friday night headliners at Reading Festival. (S)
12.10 FILM **Stan & Ollie** Biopic of Laurel and Hardy starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. (2018) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead 1.50-6am** BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.15 am Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: A House Through Time (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Vernon Kay hosts. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park Summer (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Kendal in the Lake District. First broadcast in 2003. (R,S)
5.25 Flog It! The team values antiques at Wolverhampton Art Gallery. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Former winners Jimi Famurewa, Harriet Kemsley, Colin Murray and Sara Pascoe test their general knowledge skills on double points Friday. (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys In the apple orchards of the Calvados region, Michael Portillo discovers how the classic digestif has been distilled since 1865. (R,S)

9pm Samantha Bond witnesses a murder in The Marlow Murder Club

7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. Action from the second day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. (S)
8.00 Gardeners' World (23/32) As a summer marked by record-breaking heat and prolonged drought comes to a close, Monty Don reflects on how it has tested gardeners across the country. (S)
9.00 The Marlow Murder Club (1/2) Adaptation of Robert Thorogood's novel starring Samantha Bond, Cara Horgan and Jo Martin. Retired archaeologist Judith Potts's peaceful evening in Marlow is shattered when she witnesses the murder of her neighbour. With the local police, led by newly promoted DS Tanika Malik, reluctant to believe her story, Judith starts her own investigation, enlisting the help of vicar's wife Becks Starling and local dog walker Suzie Harris. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events with Lucy Hockings. (S) Then **Weather**
11.05 PREMIERE **Tuesday** FILM A terminally ill teenager begs death for more time so she can resolve her relationship with her mother. Drama starring Lola Petticrew. (2023) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.45 Sign Zone: The Mother Of All Cons (R,S,SL) **1.45-2.45am** The Big Deal With Steph McGovern (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain Current affairs. (S)
10.00 This Morning Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health advice and more. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the team visit Newcastle racecourse, where a gruesome collection makes a small fortune at auction and a diamond ring deal sees Henry Nicholls pushed all the way. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Daniel tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Milo Callaghan's first day at a law firm spirals out of control in The Rainmaker

7.30 Abbey Clancy: Celebrity Homes (1/6) Abbey visits a Victorian laundry factory belonging to former Sugababe Heidi Range and a 15th-century chocolate box cottage owned by Jodie Kidd. (R,S)
8.00 Emmerdale Resentment seems to be driving Ramsden's investigation. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Sarah and Kit each attempt to eliminate Kacey's threat, while George arrives home to face Christina, and Bernie opens up about her family's rift with Celeste. (S)
9.00 The Rainmaker NEW (1/10) Young lawyer Rudy Baylor and his girlfriend Sarah Plankmore are thrilled to be starting at top law firm Tinley Britt. However, when Rudy's first day spirals out of control, forcing him to take a job at the less reputable J Lyman Stone, they end up on opposite sides of an important case. Legal drama starring Milo Callaghan, Lana Parrilla and Madison Iseman. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.15 Superman Returns FILM The Man of Steel returns to Earth to discover his arch-enemy Lex Luthor is wreaking havoc with stolen alien technology. Comic-book adventure with Brandon Routh and Kevin Spacey. (2006) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.50 Shop On TV 3.00 Force Of Nature (R,S,SL) **3.50** Long Lost Family (R,S,SL) **4.45-6am** Unwind With ITV (S)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole are in north Wales to meet Emma, whose father ran a haulage and motor repair business, to see what unloved items they can restore. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway A designer and a painter and decorator take on a Derbyshire property. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The second elimination day arrives. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Poor weather means Tim and Sasha must find a back-up plan to salvage a couple's big day. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe meets a retired auctioneer training his daughter to enter the trade. (R,S)

10.10pm Jimmy Carr acts as quizmaster in The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Jimmy Doherty's Big Bear Rescue The farmer and conservationist tries to relocate two polar bears from Sweden to his wildlife park in Suffolk, after the park they lived in was shut down. They can't be released into the wild as they've only ever lived in captivity and wouldn't survive. Jimmy and his team build Europe's largest polar bear reserve, while the polar bears' journey from Sweden goes well – until disaster strikes. (R,S)
9.00 The Murder Detective (3/3) After years of investigation, lead detective Jason Murphy is ready to make his boldest move yet. His team execute a series of coordinated arrests. (S)
10.10 The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly Jimmy Carr acts as quizmaster as Harry Hill, Judi Love, Tom Allen, Joanne McNally, Sam Campbell and Susan Wokoma compete to see who knows the most about past and present television shows. Charles Dance, the children of Mitchell Brook Primary School, and a host of celebrity question-setters help Jimmy to ask the big questions. (R,S)
12.10 FILM **127 Hours** Fact-based drama with James Franco. (2010) ✪✪✪✪ (S) **1.45** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL) **2.35** Four In A Bed (R,S) **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S) **5.05-6am** Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 Deadly Girls Trip FILM While on vacation with friends, a woman is found dead. The other women claim it's an accident, but Lacey suspects foul-play. Thriller starring Kristi Murdock. (2025) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle When a seductive conman is killed, Castle and Beckett must investigate New York's elite. Meanwhile, Castle plans to surprise Beckett on their one-year wedding anniversary. (S)
4.55 Love Nature Efforts to restore trees in Dartmoor. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and his wife Suki Webster explore Yorkshire. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

8pm The presenter moves into Tamil country in Alexander Armstrong In Sri Lanka

7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents action from stage seven of the Grand Tour race, a 149.8km mountain route beginning in Vall d'Alba and finishing in Aramon Valdelinares. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Alexander Armstrong In Sri Lanka (3/3) On the last leg of his journey around the island of Sri Lanka, the presenter moves north into Tamil country, but first he has a close encounter with a cobra. (R,S)
9.00 Heat (3 & 4/4) Double bill. The truth behind Tom's injury is revealed, and Brad's hopes with Mia are explored. Kip confesses to Tom he is growing marijuana. Drama starring Danny Dyer. Then, terror sets in when Tom does not return to the house. Kip feels compelled to tell Brad that his friend was high, information Brad can use to his advantage. (R,S)
11.05 When TV News Goes Horribly Wrong (1/3) Memorable mishaps on live news broadcasts. (R,S)
1.00 Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.30** Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Pysgod I Bawb **12.30** Heno **1.00** Y Ci Perffaith **1.30** Dan Do **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Ty Ffit **4.00** Awr Fawr: Sam Tan **4.10** Og Y Draenog Hapus **4.20** Misho **4.30** Joni Jet **4.45** Parc Glan Gwli **5.00** Stwnsh: Lego Ffrindiau: Amdani Ferched! **5.10** Bwystfil **5.20** Prys A'r Pryfed **5.35** Ar Goll Yn Oz **6.00** Bwrdd I Dri **6.30** Garddio A Mwy **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Mike Bubbins: Un Mewn Miliwn **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Am Dro! **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Miwsig Fy Mywyd BBC ONE WALES: **7.30-8pm** Best Of Weatherman Walking ITV WALES: **7.00-8pm** Backstage At Green Man

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

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STICKY END FOR PRIME?

IT'S about to get dark and disturbing in a desirable part of North London, thanks to horror icon STEPHEN KING.

His terrifying short story, Crouch End, set in the leafy suburb, is getting the telly treatment by Prime Video.

The story, which was first published in 1980, is set to become a six-part limited series, and will be the bestselling author's first adaptation made in the UK.

The cast is yet to be announced but the story follows film star Doris Freeman, who claims a strange phenomena is behind her husband's disappearance.

Police inspector Ted Vetter is brought in to investigate – and find out if there is indeed something chilling at play.

King's scary worlds of Castle Rock and Derry have terrified generations, and Crouch End is expected to do the same.

The original story will be adapted by Paul Tomalin, the writer behind STEPHEN GRAHAM hit Bodies.

THE story of how the Norman conquest shaped Britain forever is coming to the BBC. The six-part series will chart everything from William the Conqueror's bloody invasion to King John and the Magna Carta. Kings And Queens: The Story Of The Monarchy will air on BBC Two and iPlayer.

A CLOSE SHAVE, RICHARD

RICHARD MADELEY is clearly proud of his luscious locks and won't cut them for anyone – even the world's scariest prisoners.

The Good Morning Britain host scored a hit earlier this year with Channel 5's Inside The World's Mega Prison, and now he's making more documentaries visiting similarly grim jails. But it seems he was a little worried he might be coerced into getting too immersed in the style of life behind bars.

'FEAR' . . . star

Channel 5 boss Ben Frow revealed: "I did like the idea that he would be slightly worried about having to have his head shaved.

"And I think there's something in the contract that he would not have to have his head shaved."

Honestly, Richard, where's your commitment to the job?

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JIMMY'S GOT ROOM FOR TEN MORE

HERE'S a picture sure to raise a smile – it's the first look at the new line-up for Last One Laughing.

Prime Video's Bafta-winning show is welcoming another ten contestants.

The new faces serving up rib-tickling moments will be **LEE MACK**, **KATHERINE RYAN**, **HARRY HILL**, **MICHELLE DE SWARTE**, **KATHERINE PARKINSON**, **JON RICHARDSON**, **JOSH JONES** and **MORGANA ROBINSON**.

Host **JIMMY CARR's** sidekick **ROISIN CONATY** enters as a contestant while **MEL GIEDROYC** joins as co-presenter.

RICHARD AYOADE will re-enter the room after narrowly missing out to winner **BOB MORTIMER** in 2025. Ludwig's **DAVID MITCHELL** was crowned champion of the last series, beating Aussie comic **SAM CAMPBELL**.

Contestants are locked in a living room for six hours and must make the other comedians laugh without cracking up themselves.

Series three streams next year. If you can't wait that long, don't despair – the Halloween special is out on October 23.

It's Gearing up

AT LAST...BOSS CONFIRMS SHOW IS BACK

TOP Gear will return to our screens, the BBC finally confirmed yesterday – months after we exclusively revealed the plans.

The motoring show was shelved four years ago following host **FREDDIE FLINTOFF**'s on-set horror crash with many viewers fearing the series had gone for good.

Then in May The Sun told that Top Gear was being revived with new hosts, though at the time the Beeb declined to comment.

But at the Edinburgh TV Festival yesterday, the channel's chiefs were all talk about the telly fave's comeback and reports that **JIMMY CARR** might be one of the hosts. It's understood that the comic has yet to sign, but is still in the race and is in conversations with producers.

Ed Harvard, BBC Director of Entertainment, said: "I know there's been lots of speculation but we can confirm that Top Gear is coming back. I'm not going to talk about talent today."

But he also added: "Jimmy Carr would be a great host."

Chief Content Officer Kate Phillips said: "We're committed to doing big shows still and Top Gear is that.

"Even though we haven't had a new series for a while, on iPlayer it's still massive for the back catalogue. So we know the audience want it back."

The last series was in 2022 and was hosted by ex-cricketer Freddie alongside motoring expert **CHRIS HARRIS** and comedian **PADDY McGUINNESS**.

SCOOP . . . our Top Gear story

But the show was put on ice after Freddie suffered horrific injuries and disfigurement in a crash during filming when his three-wheel car flipped over at Dunsfold Aerodrome in Surrey.

It remains a huge hit globally, though, and old shows are regularly viewed on catch-up by fans.

The news of its return comes just days before Prime Video unveils its reboot of The Grand Tour, widely seen as a continuation of Top Gear after **JEREMY CLARKSON**, **RICHARD HAMMOND** and **JAMES MAY** left the BBC show in 2015.

SEX CHAT . . . Virgin Island

VIRGIN ON THE COMICAL

THE biggest laugh of the Edinburgh TV Festival this week was, as ever, one of the most outrageous.

Last year's big giggle at the festival was DANNY DYER revealing he pooed in the bath as a boy when he was sharing with his brother.

This time it was Channel 4 commissioner Shaminder Nahal discussing how Virgin Island had prompted conversations about a range of rarely talked about issues, including vaginismus.

The condition, which is an involuntary tightening or spasm of a woman's pelvic floor muscles, can make sex painful or impossible.

In a poor choice of words, Shaminder told the audience that she hoped broaching the subject of vaginismus on the show had helped women to "open up".

COMEDY Ann Droid will return for a second series, the BBC has confirmed. As previously revealed by TV Biz, **DIANE MORGAN** will reprise her role as a robot carer who looks after elderly lady Sue (**SUE JOHNSTON**). Its first outing received rave reviews and was the Beeb's second biggest scripted launch of the year after Small Prophets, with 7.6million tuning in.

C4 TECH LOOK AT SOCIALS

CHANNEL 4 takes aim at wealthy tech bros in its new docu-drama exposing the dangers of social media.

Political thriller Billionaires – a working title – will accuse big firms of deliberately engineering their platforms to be addictive and amplifying disinformation. It is a timely series, as Meta – the company behind Facebook and Instagram which is owned by MARK ZUCKERBERG – recently reached an $18billion settlement in the US to resolve claims that it harmed children.

BOSS . . . Mark

It is from the makers of Dirty Business, the docu-drama starring JASON WATKINS and DAVID THEWLIS, which exposed the widespread illegal dumping of raw sewage by privatised English water companies. Hopefully it will have the same impact.

Friday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Death In Paradise **9.00** Ann Droid. Comedy with Diane Morgan and Sue Johnston. **10.00** Not Going Out **11.00** Man Like Mobeen **12.30-2.25am** Ideal

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Met Orchestra Plays Strauss At The Proms **8.45** TOTP: 2000 **9.15** TOTP: 1978 **9.50** TOTP: 1988 **10.20** The Specials: 6 Music Sessions **10.55** 2 Tone: The Sound Of Coventry **11.55** The Specials: Rock Goes To College **12.40** Rudies Come Back: The Rise And Rise Of 2 Tone: Arena **1.15** The Specials: 6 Music Sessions **1.50-2.25am** TOTP: 1978

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00 FILM** Batman Begins.
A billionaire hones his fighting skills and becomes a masked vigilante to rid his city of crime and corruption. Comic-book adventure starring Christian Bale and Liam Neeson. (2005) **11.45** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.45-2.10am** Bob's Burgers

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.40** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin **10.00** Lewis **11.50pm-2am** Poirot

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6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin Of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **6.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **7.30** River Monsters **8.00** Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Celebrity Special **9.00** Ice Road Truckers. Lisa is caught in a blizzard. **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **12.00** Dark Side Of The Ring **12.55** Minder **1.50-2.15am** Two And A Half Men

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6am Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 FILM** Doctor Strange. An American surgeon becomes a warrior in an inter-dimensional battle. Fantasy adventure starring Benedict Cumberbatch. (2016) **11.20 FILM** Bad Boys For Life. Action sequel starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence. (2020) **1.50-2.50am** Gogglebox

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8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Carpe Diem **10.05** 24 Hours In A&E **12.15** 999: On The Front Line **1.20-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

CRINGEY . . . Michael has scored an own goal with his reality show

MEET THE OWENS
Prime Video

MICHAEL OWEN was once known as English football's Golden Boy. But after watching four episodes of his new Prime Video series, football's David Brent is perhaps more fitting.

He is the second coming of Ricky Gervais's paper boss and the makers of this reality show know it, given the awkward pauses and aghast reactions from targets of the former striker's cringey gags that are deliberately left in the edit.

He immediately sets the tone when introducing his 20-year-old clinically blind son James by saying, "I love him dearly, here he is", before adding, "James, p**s off into the kitchen will you", followed by a pleased-with-himself look into the camera.

Michael admits he has a reputation for being a "boring p***k" and you get the feeling he's desperately trying to use Meet The Owens to reinvent himself, as well as promote his Manor House Stables.

But his only achievement is becoming a meme. Examples include Owen lauding the "world-class" choc ices in his freezer, revealing he only watches documentaries about orcas on TV and claims the film crew are "loving my innuendos" after sniggering at wife Louise saying he can "get on top of everything" at their hotel.

His unexpected booze boasting is pure Brent, too, having been teetotal in his playing days.

He says: "Now, if I go out, I am the last person on the dancefloor. I am the last person at the bar. We are the ones getting kicked out. My mates

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SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0. A US ambassador's daughter is murdered. **9.00 FILM** Ruthless. After his daughter is murdered, a high school coach takes matters into his own hands and hunts down her killers. Action thriller starring Dermot Mulroney, Jeff Fahey and Mauricio Mendoza. (2023) **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

More4 9pm Maya Rose and Samuel Le Bihan star in the drama Carpe Diem

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7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Fresh Food **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Speed With Guy Martin: F1 Special **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Fresh Food **6.00** Rick Stein's Taste Of Shanghai **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Magnum P.I **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

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7.15am The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.45** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.05** Whitstable Pearl **4.10** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** You're Killing Me **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** My Lottery Dream Home **10.00** Help! I Wrecked My House **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **1.00-2am** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Churchill's Bid To Abolish Britain **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Churchill's Bid To Abolish Britain **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Seven Worlds, One Planet **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

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6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.20** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **11.20** Ghosts **1.25-1.50am** Inside The Ambulance

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6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **9.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

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8am Rising Damp **8.35** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.15** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.15** Bread **10.55** Steptoe And Son **11.30** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.10** Rising Damp **12.40** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.05** Rising Damp **6.35** Steptoe And Son **7.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **11.55** Benidorm **12.55-2am** Minder

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 10.15am England take on Pakistan in Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. **6.30** Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.15** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the second day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. **7.00** LIVE FNF. Crystal Palace v Manchester City. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** Paper Talk **11.00** Sky Sports News **12.30-4.15am** LIVE NFL. Philadelphia Eagles v Cincinnati Bengals. Kick-off at 1.00.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL 100 Club **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Total Football **4.00** Fantasy Show **4.30** Premier League Preview **5.00** The Premier League Show **7.00** LIVE FNF. Crystal Palace v Manchester City. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** Premier League Stories **11.15** The Big Interview **11.45** PL Greatest Games **12.00** FNF **12.30** PL 100 Club **1.00-3am** PL Years

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am Championship Retro **8.00** SPFL Special: Celtic's Invincibles **9.00** SPFL Greatest Games **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** SPFL Highlights **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00** EFL Highlights **12.30** Bundesliga Weekly **1.00** EFL League One Goals **1.30** EFL League Two Goals **2.00** EFL Cup Highlights **3.30** EFL Highlights **4.00** Bundesliga Weekly **4.30** EFL League One Goals **5.00** EFL League Two Goals **5.30** EFL Highlights **6.00** Bundesliga Weekly **6.30** EFL Highlights **7.30** LIVE EFL. Wrexham v Birmingham City. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30** EFL Cup Highlights **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00-3am** EFL

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **9.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **9.15** Women's Super League **9.30** Betfred Super League Highlights **10.00** NBA On Fire **10.30** The Proving Ground **11.00** LIVE NRL. Penrith Panthers v Canterbury Bulldogs. Kick-off at 11.00. **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** LIVE Women's Super League. St Helens v York Valkyrie. Kick-off at 5.15. **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. St Helens v Leeds Rhinos. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **10.15** Women's Super League **10.30** Betfred Super League Highlights **11.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.30** NBA On Fire **12.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **12.30-4.15am** LIVE NFL. Philadelphia Eagles v Cincinnati Bengals.

SKY SPORTS +

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SKY SPORTS CRICKET

9.30am International T20 Cricket **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.15** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. **7.00** Best Of ICC WT20 **7.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** International T20 Cricket **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** One-Day International Cricket **12.00-2am** Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS GOLF

11am PGA Tour Champions **12.00** PGA Tour Champions Learning Centre **12.30** LIVE DP World Tour Golf. The Husqvarna British Masters. **6.00** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. **11.00** PGA Tour Champions **12.00-2am** DP World Tour Golf

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Witness 8pm Frost and Archer face a troubling medical mystery in Chicago Med

SKY ONE

6am Mornings With Jones And Melbourne **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Cricket: The Test **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League Of Their Own. With Paddy Pimblett, Tom Davis and Josh Widdicombe. **9.00 FILM** Cleaner. Environmental activists take 300 hostages and an ex-soldier now working as a window cleaner tries to rescue them. Action thriller starring Daisy Ridley. (2025) **11.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. With Bez, Clint Boon, Patsy Kensit and Danny Goffey. **12.00** Grimsburg **1.30-2.30am** Grimm

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Urban Secrets **8.00** Billions **10.15** The Last Of Us **12.40** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.30** Billions **4.25** The White Lotus **6.35** The Last Of Us **8.00** The Last Of Us. Joel and Tess clash over Ellie's fate. **9.00** The Iris Affair. Thriller starring Tom Hollander and Niamh Algar. **10.00** The Iris Affair. Iris blackmails Teo to botch the police investigation. **11.00** Possession **1.00-2.10am** House Of The Dragon

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Caught On Dashcam **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Chicago Med. Frost and Archer face a troubling medical mystery while treating a college basketball star. **9.00** Chicago Fire. Novak explores a new romantic connection. **10.00** Chicago PD. Torres investigates the conspiracy surrounding the Morgan case. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.35am Don't Wait Up **8.05** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.40** Porridge **9.20** The Green Green Grass **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.35** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.55** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.30** Porridge **1.10** Keeping Up Appearances **1.50** Dad's Army **2.30** The Green Green Grass **3.10** Are You Being Served? **3.45** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.25** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Dad's Army. Mainwaring decides the platoon needs a mascot for a big parade. **7.40** Porridge **8.20** Are You Being Served? The employees go on strike. **9.00** Fawlty Towers. An American comes to stay. **9.40** The Office. A staff training day turns into a sing-song. **10.20** Not Going Out. Lee tries to prove his masculinity after failing to stop a gang of muggers. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.35** Fawlty Towers **12.20** The Office **1.00** Not Going Out **1.35-2.25am** Mrs Brown's Boys

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Al Murray Live: Barrel Of Fun. Stand-up from London's Hammersmith Apollo. **10.00** Mr Bean **11.00 FILM** Zombieland: Double Tap. Comedy horror sequel starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. (2019) **1.00-2.40am** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Uncut

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Return To Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. A TV show appears to be haunted. **8.00** Return To Paradise. An activist is mysteriously bludgeoned to death. **9.00** NCIS: Sydney. A US petty officer's body is found in Sydney's historic and haunted Rocks area. **10.00** Father Brown. The sleuthing priest discovers a shocking secret. **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-2am** Return To Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Avenue 5 **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Avenue 5 **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Hitmen **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control. The precinct hosts an animal adoption day. **9.00** Jack Dee: Small World. A stand-up show at the London Palladium. **10.30** Lucy Beaumont: Live From The Royal Court Theatre. A stand-up performance by the comedian. **11.30** Animal Control **12.30** Community **1.30-2.05am** Hitmen: Reloaded

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike Brewer and Edd China work on a vintage 1916 Cadillac V8. **8.00** Gold Rush: Mine Rescue With Freddy & Juan. Freddy makes a big discovery as Juan races to save a desperate California miner. **9.00** Expedition Files. Josh Gates investigates Edgar Allan Poe's death. **10.00** Mystery At Blind Frog Ranch. As winter looms over the ranch, the team gets lost in a maze of tunnels. **11.00** Expedition Files **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Expedition Files

RADIO

Radio 2 7pm Michelle Visage hosts hits from across the pop music genre

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

7am Chris Evans Live From Carfest **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Stu Elmore **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6am** Jen Thomas

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6am Mark Dolan **10.00** Alex Phillips **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **9.00** What Just Happened? **10.00** Andre Walker Ft. Ash **1.00-6am** Ben Fletcher

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Alan Brazil **10.00** Sam Matterface & Alex Crook **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar Weekender **1.00-6am** Extra Time

TV GUIDE

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are like, 'Come on', halfway into the night. And I'm like, 'No way, this is only just getting started'."

But, just like Brent, his sheer awkwardness does make entertaining viewing. His eldest daughter Gemma, who had a stint in Love Island, and his childhood sweetheart Louise get the most airtime after Michael and barely contribute anything remotely interesting.

As Tyson Fury's reality show At Home With The Furys proves, the series cannot rely on the leading figure to provide all the entertainment.

The sub characters need to weigh in too. Which just doesn't happen in Owen's show.

STUART PINK

RUDY TO ROLL . . . Milo as lawyer

Sun TV picks

THE RAINMAKER, ITV1, 9pm: Stepping into an iconic role famously played by Matt Damon on the big screen is no small task, but British actor Milo Callaghan is brilliant as Rudy Baylor in this slick ten-part legal thriller based on John Grisham's bestseller.

Straight out of law school, ambitious Rudy lands a job at a top-tier law firm, only to be fired on his very first day after daring to stand up to his ruthless boss Leo Drummond (Mad Men star John Slattery).

With hiring season closed, Rudy is forced to join a dodgy firm of ambulance-chasing "rainmakers". However, he quickly bags a massive lawsuit representing a mother suing a healthcare giant over her son's tragic opioid addiction.

Fast-paced, witty and full of sharp courtroom drama, this is a thoroughly entertaining watch.

SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES, BBC One, 2pm: You can't move for cosy crime dramas on telly right now, and here we return to the sleepy village of Great Slaughter to catch up with Lorna Watson's scooter-riding nun, Sister Boniface. Her sharp forensic expertise comes in handy once again when a movie star screen-testing for the lead role in the new Agent Best spy blockbuster is unexpectedly murdered on set.

Guest-starring Denis Lawson, it is a delightfully witty mystery that will keep armchair detectives guessing throughout.

THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, BBC Two, 9pm: And here's another! Previously shown on U&Drama, this charming crime caper comes from Death In Paradise creator Robert Thorogood. Set in picturesque Buckinghamshire, amateur sleuth Judith (Samantha Bond) and her loyal pals Suzie and Becks help DS Tanika solve a series of mysterious murders.

Their crime-fighting journey starts after Judith overhears what could be the murder of her neighbour during her daily wild swim in the Thames.

Look out for 1960s screen legend Rita Tushingham stirring things up as a local busybody.

FONTAINES DC @ READING FESTIVAL 2026, BBC One, 10.40pm: Following a barnstorming performance in 2024 coinciding with the release of their fourth album Romance, the pride of Dublin – fronted by Grian Chatten – return to Reading taking top billing as rightful headliners.

GEMMA QUADE

TNT SPORTS 1

6am Cycling **7.00** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the first session of the semi-finals. **10.30** eSports Show **11.00** Ultimate Pool **12.30** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the second session of the semi-finals of the tournament. **4.00** CPL Highlights **4.30** TNT Sports Reload **4.45** Premier League Reload **5.00** The Fantasy Show **5.30** Premier League Preview **6.00** TNT Sports Reload **6.15** MLB Highlights **7.15** LIVE MLB. Chicago Cubs v Cincinnati Reds. Start-time at 7.20. **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Cycling **12.00** MLB Plays of the Week **12.30-3.30am** LIVE MLB. Milwaukee Brewers v Texas Rangers. Start-time at 12.40.

TNT SPORTS 2

7.30am MotoGP Rewind **8.00** LIVE MotoGP. The Grand Prix of Aragon first free practice session. **10.45** MotoGP Rewind **12.15** LIVE MotoGP. The Grand Prix of Aragon practice session. **3.15** MotoGP Rewind **3.30** MLB Highlights **4.30** Inside Serie A **5.00** Cycling **5.15** eSports Show **5.45** LIVE World Rally Championship. The Rally del Paraguay. **9.00** TNT Sports Reload **9.15** LIVE World Rally Championship. The Rally del Paraguay. **10.30** MLB Highlights **11.30** eSports Show **12.00** CPL Highlights **12.30-4.45am** LIVE CPL. Trinbago Knight Riders v Barbados Tridents.

TNT SPORTS 3

6am UEFA Champions League **11.00** Cycling **11.15** Cycling **12.15** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage seven of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** LIV Golf **10.00** Snooker Wuhan Open **12.00** MotoGP **12.30** TNT Sports Reload **1.00** LIVE NWSL. Gotham FC v Portland Thorns. Kick-off at 1.00. **3.30** LIVE AFLW. North Melbourne Women v Western Bulldogs Women. Bounce-up at 3.35. **5.30-7.30am** LIVE AFLW. Adelaide Women v West Coast Women. Bounce-up at 5.35.

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Surfing **7.00** Indikart Championship **8.00** NASCAR Highlights **9.00** UEFA Europa Conference League **11.00** LaLiga **1.00** Brasileiro Serie A **3.00** World Of FreeSports **3.30** Brasileiro Serie A **5.25** LaLiga Highlights **5.55** LIVE LaLiga. Racing Santander v Elche. Kick-off at 6.00. **8.00** LaLiga Highlights **8.25** LIVE LaLiga. Alaves v Villarreal. Kick-off at 8.30. **10.30** LaLiga Highlights **11.00** Football's Greatest **11.30pm-3.30am** LaLiga

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am Fight Night Extra **9.00** Howzat For A Podcast! **10.00** Following On **11.00** EFL All Access **12.00** The EFL Fan Network **1.00** Racing Live **3.00** The Social **4.00** The Big Weekend Preview With William Hill **5.00** Premier League All Access **6.00** William Hill Sports Book Club **7.00** EFL Live **10.00** PGA Tour Live **11.00** Premier League All Access **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6am Rosie Wright And Calum Macdonald With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Ryan Tubridy **1.00** Tom Whipple **4.00** Cathy Newman With Times Radio Drive **7.00** Olly Mann **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00-6am** The Best Of Times Radio

RADIO 1 97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1

7am Greg James **10.00** At Reading And Leeds Festival **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** At Reading And Leeds Festival **4.00** The Official Chart On Radio 1 With Jack Saunders **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Dance Party With Charlie Tee **8.00** Future Dance With Martha **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00** Essential Mix **2.00-3am** Dance Presents

RADIO 2 88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2

6.30am The Radio 2 Breakfast Show **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco **11.00** The Rock Show **12.00-1am** Romesh Ranganathan: For The Love Of Hip-Hop (R)

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 7.45pm Christian Mortensen in Rise Of The Conqueror

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

10.25am Rise Of The Conqueror (15, 2026) ★★★ **12.35 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **2.30 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **4.20 Seven Snipers** (15, 2026) ★★★ **6.00 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **7.45 Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) Action adventure. ★★★ **9.50 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **12.00-1.50am Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

12.35pm Puss In Boots (U, 2011) ★★★★ **2.10 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **4.00 Trolls** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **5.35 Wallace & Gromit In The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit** (U, 2005) ★★★★ **7.05 The Ant Bully** (U, 2006) ★★★ **8.40 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs** (U, 2009) Comedy. ★★★★ **10.15 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2** (U, 2013) ★★★★ **11.55 Penguins Of Madagascar** (U, 2014) ★★★★ **1.30-3am Flushed Away** (U, 2006) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

12noon Green Lantern (12, 2011) ★★★ **2.00 Bumblebee** (PG, 2018) ★★★★ **4.00 The Amazing Spider-Man** (12, 2012) ★★★ **6.20 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 The Amazing Spider-Man 2** (12, 2014) ★★★★ **10.25 Spider-Man: No Way Home** (12, 2021) ★★★★ **12.55-2.50am The Meg** (12, 2018) ★★★★

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11am River Of No Return (PG, 1954) ★★★ **12.50 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2** (U, 2013) ★★★★ **2.40 The Perfect Catch** (PG, 2005) ★★★ **4.45 Mysterious Island** (PG, 1961) ★★★ **6.50 Free Guy** (12, 2021) ★★★★ **9.00 The Mechanic** (15, 2011) ★★★★ **10.50 Sexy Beast** (18, 2000) ★★★★ **12.35-2.40am Peppermint** (15, 2018) ★★★★

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11.30am The End Of The Road (U, 1954) ★★★ **1.05 The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre 2.15 The Adventures Of Robin Hood 2.45 Date With Disaster** (U, 1957) ★★★ **4.00 That's My Boy 4.30 The Cheaters 5.00 A Family At War 6.00 Rumpole Of The Bailey 7.00 Z Cars 8.00 Public Eye 9.05 Ship Of Fools** (12, 1965) ★★★★ **12.00-2am Remember My Name** (15, 1978) ★★★

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1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts (PG, 2017) Mystery with Alison Sweeney. ★★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Murder, She Baked: A Plum Pudding Mystery** (PG, 2015) ★★★★

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1pm The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 The Virginian (12, 2014) ★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 The Punisher** (18, 2004) ★★★★ **11.30 The Avengers 12.30-1.30am The Baron**

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OUR SON DID NOT ALLOW HIS FATHER'S FINAL WISH

Dear Deidre

MY dying husband had one final wish – to meet his grandsons – but our son never let it happen.

I'm 68, and my husband was 70. We were married for 44 years and always had a close relationship with our son.

Things changed when he met his wife. Phone calls stopped, family gatherings were avoided and we barely heard from him. Before long, we'd been completely pushed out of their lives.

They now have two little boys, aged two and three, but his wife has always found a reason to keep us away from them.

Then my husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I hoped it might finally make our son realise how precious time was, but he always found another excuse.

My husband's dying wish was to hold his grandsons, but our son took that away from him. Now he's gone, and I'm grieving not only my husband but also the family we've lost.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You're grieving your husband while also carrying the anger and heartbreak of knowing his final wish was never fulfilled.

It's natural to feel resentful towards your son, but try not to let those feelings consume your grief.

You did what you could to bring them together, and what happened wasn't within your control.

Now you need to give yourself time and space to grieve. My support pack, Coping With Bereavement, can help.

You can also contact grandparentsapart.co.uk for support.

Infatuated with ex's daughter

Dear Deidre

WHEN I first met my ex, her daughter was a teenager – now 20 years later, I can't stop thinking about her.

I'm 57, and I was with her mum for nearly nine years. We split amicably when I was in my late forties but I stayed close to the family for a while afterwards.

Her daughter was 18 when we first met and is now 38. Throughout my relationship with her mum we always got on well. She was a bright, bubbly girl and would often sit next to me at family dinners, telling me about her latest boyfriend.

There was never anything inappropriate between us, nor did I ever see her as anything more than my partner's daughter.

Then, about six months ago I bumped into her at a mutual friend's birthday party. She's now 36 and has matured into an impressive woman.

I was knocked sideways by how attractive, confident and grown-up she had become.

We ended up talking for hours and laughing about the past. She was very warm with me and gave me a few big hugs and casual touches across the night.

There was an ease and affection between us that caught me off guard. Since then, I've become completely infatuated with her.

Every day I obsessively check her social media, go through old photos and keep track of what she's up to.

No matter how hard I try to stop, I can't seem to last even a few hours without thinking about her or wondering when I'll see her again.

I know I should just leave these thoughts alone but I feel completely consumed by my feelings for her.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Having these feelings doesn't make you a bad person, but some perspective would certainly help.

The warmth she showed you may have felt confusing as you were seeing her as a more mature woman. Hugs and casual touches don't necessarily mean she feels the same attraction, so be careful not to read into them.

To get some perspective, stop checking her social media and going through old photos. Feeding the fantasy will only keep the infatuation alive.

You may find that stepping back gives you a clearer head. While she is older now, if anything were to happen between you, it would completely ruin her relationship with her mum.

Talking these feelings through with a counsellor would help you make a considered, rather than a rash decision.

My support pack, How Counselling Can Help, is worth a read.

here for you

On WhatsApp, Facebook, Email & Instagram

Is something troubling you? Our experienced counsellors are here to offer insight and practical help. Email or DM us (details below) or scan this QR code to send a WhatsApp.

CARE WE NEED IS JUST TOO COSTLY

Dear Deidre

I'VE worked all my life but now it feels like my mother and I have been abandoned by the state. My anxiety over how we'll pay for her care is making me so anxious that I feel suicidal.

I'm a 57-year-old single man. When I lost my job, I had a breakdown and Mum took me in. She was in her late 70s. Then I developed back issues and needed even more help. By then she was 80, but she became my full-time carer.

Now, at 85 she's seriously ill. I'm physically unable to care for her. Yet we can't get the help we desperately need because we've worked and have savings and small pensions. We're paying a friend to care for us, but it's so expensive, we'll soon have nothing left.

I can't sleep worrying about it. But I won't take my own life while mum is alive. Does she really have to sell her house to get the care she needs?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is a heartbreaking situation. But I'm very concerned you feel suicidal. Please tell your GP how desperate you feel, and contact samaritans.org free, or on their 24-hour helpline number 116 123.

Your mum shouldn't automatically have to sell her home. As you're a disabled relative living there, the property may be disregarded in her financial assessment.

Ask your council for an urgent Adult Social Care assessment and a Carer's Assessment. Carersuk.org (0808 808 7777) can advise you on your rights and funding.

stories deidre's photo casebook

JENNA'S IMPOSSIBLE SECRET: **DAY 5**

Clothes by Boohoo and BoohooMAN

CONTINUES TOMORROW

hot topic

KNOWING how to please your partner with oral sex can feel daunting, particularly if you're inexperienced or simply haven't had much opportunity to explore it.

Like any part of sex, it isn't about getting everything perfect – it's about paying attention, communicating and finding what works for you both.

If you're unsure where to begin, my support pack, Guide To Oral Sex, has plenty of tips and tricks.

Dear Deidre

THROUGHOUT my life, having low energy and no sex drive were just part of who I thought I was . . . until blood tests told me otherwise.

I'm a 54-year-old man, and Ican't remember the last time I woke up feeling well rested. Even in my twenties and thirties, I'd come home from work and collapse on the sofa, and stay home at weekends.

My friends had endless energy, went to the gym and talked about their sex lives. My libido was always low and, despite constantly trying to get fitter, I struggled to build any muscle.

I thought I was lazy or just not a "sexual person".

Then, after feeling particularly drained earlier this

SAD OVER YEARS OF LOST HEALTH

year, I asked my GP to do blood tests. The results showed my testosterone was extremely low, and I was diagnosed with hypogonadism (where the sex glands hardly make any sex hormones).

Suddenly, so many things made sense. My whole life I had been struggling, and I wasn't imagining it.

You'd think I'd feel relieved, but instead I'm just angry and strangely sad.

I keep thinking about all those years when I assumed I was simply pathetic and how much I used to beat myself up. I finally have the answers, but can't help wondering how different things might have been if someone had spotted this sooner.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Try not to blame yourself for something you had no way of knowing about. You can't change the years that have passed, but you can take steps now to look after your health and wellbeing going forward.

Now you have answers, focus on getting the right treatment and support, and talk to your GP about any questions or concerns.

You can also contact The Pituitary Foundation (pituitary.org.uk, 0117 370 1320), who offer information and support for people affected by pituitary conditions.

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8 OF YOUR FAVES THAT SECRETLY AGE YOU

And what to wear instead

SORRY, but some of the most reliable pieces in your wardrobe could be making you look older.

As the high street fills up with autumn trends, it's tempting to simply dig out the same trusty favourites we rely on year after year.

But while they might still fit, that doesn't mean they're doing you any favours. I found this out when I slipped on a black blazer I've had for years.

By CLEMMIE FIELDSEND

Suddenly, its padded shoulders, bum-grazing length and nipped-in waist had me looking ready for a Rivals fancy dress party rather than autumn 2026.

The problem is that silhouettes, lengths and shapes move on – and wearing the wrong ones can instantly date you.

So if, like me, you'd rather your clothes didn't add a decade to your age, these are the eight style mistakes to ditch for the new season – with modern alternatives.

DITCH: Tent dresses
BUY: Column dresses

A MORE sophisticated look is back for the new season, and that means swapping shapeless tent dresses for a sleeker silhouette.

Those loose, don't-look-at-me styles may be comfortable to wear, but all that excess fabric can swamp your shape and leave you looking frumpy, whatever size you are.

Instead, try a column dress – tailored enough to give you shape, but without feeling tight or clingy.

Sleek and simple, they make an impact without trying too hard, as recently proven on the catwalks at Prada and Jil Sander.

And column doesn't have to mean boring. Add interest through colour, print or texture while keeping that clean, elongated silhouette.

It's the sort of shape that creates an expensive-looking outfit with minimal effort – and this £50 floral dress from M&S delivers the luxury look without the price tag.

Dress, £50, M&S

DITCH: Dad trainers
BUY: Slim trainers

CHUNKY attention-grabbing trainers have ruled the roost in recent years.

These are the sort of styles that could have belonged to your dad in the Eighties or be your younger, cooler relative's most prized piece of footwear. But their time is up.

Say a firm goodbye to those oversized trainers and replace them with something slim and streamlined, following in the footsteps of everyone from designer label Celine to sportswear giant Nike.

A sleeker trainer makes your whole silhouette look lighter and more modern, without anything feeling heavy or clompy.

And simple doesn't have to mean dull – you can still introduce colour, just in a more muted way.

George at Asda has really cracked it with this £16 pair of trainers, which is bringing all the autumn vibes.

Trainers, £16, George at Asda

DITCH: Small bags
BUY: Large bags

IT'S time to let go of those piddly bags that barely fit your keys and phone and make way for the return of the much more useful big bag.

Designers including Bottega Veneta and Stella McCartney have declared that bigger is better this season.

So look out for roomy totes that are large enough for your laptop, lunch and the rest of your life.

Even clutches have grown up, with oversized styles that could double as a make-up bag for a night out.

But practical doesn't have to be dull. This season's supersized arm candy comes in bold colours and prints – and when it comes to high street bags, you can always rely on Zara.

Its leopard-print shopper is a steal at £27.99, and the red handles give it a premium look.

Bag, £27.99, Zara

DITCH: Longline jackets
BUY: Hip-line jackets

WHEN it comes to jackets, it's understandable you want something that covers your hips.

But while a nipped-in waist might feel like an easy way to create shape, those longline, fitted styles now look extremely dated.

This season, designers including Dior and Celine have embraced shorter jackets that finish at the hip.

Rather than hiding your shape, they highlight the waist while making your legs appear longer – an easy way to give your whole silhouette a modern feel.

If you're desperate for a little more coverage, try a frog-fastening jacket – the military-inspired styles with braided fastenings – that falls just below the hip, but stops short of covering your bum.

Whether it's a leather jacket, blazer or cropped trench, the key is keeping the length modern.

This £59 River Island jacket takes its cues straight from the catwalk and is a dead ringer for a much pricier Dior designer version seen recently on the catwalk.

Jacket, £59, River Island

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Edited by SARAH BARNS and JOEL COOPER

AVOID OUR 8 FASHION MISTAKES

DITCH: Stretchy jeans
BUY: Structured jeans

STRETCHY jeans that have gone loose under the bum and baggy at the knees need to go, and go now.

Not only can they be unflattering, they're one of those wardrobe staples that can quietly add years to your look.

Instead, treat yourself to a structured pair of jeans that will soften and loosen with wear without stretching out of shape.

Acne Studios and Patou are among the big-name brands that have swapped stretchy jeans for more polished denim.

Think good-quality, structured styles in either a straight-leg, wide-leg or a subtle flare.

H&M is brilliant for jeans that soften slightly with wear, and you can pick up a pair for under £20.

Jeans, £19.99, H&M

DITCH: Mid chunky heels
BUY: Low slim heels

IF you thought that getting rid of those super-trusty thick-heeled shoes you've had for years meant sacrificing comfort for style, think again.

I'm delighted to say you really can have both.

While heels have gone slim again, not everyone is in the market for stilettos so the kitten heel will be your new best friend.

They're low enough to take you through a busy day or a night on the dancefloor without having you reaching for the blister plasters.

Designers such as Prada and Proenza Schouler are having fun with them, using bright colours and animal prints.

And Asos has followed suit with this timeless leopard-print pair, proving a comfortable shoe can still be part of your look.

Shoes, £24, Asos.com

DITCH: Cropped trousers
BUY: Full-length trousers

IF I had a quid for every time I've seen a woman over 50 in cropped, wide-leg trousers – most likely teamed with a denim jacket – I'd be extremely rich.

But it's time to ditch those ankle-swinging culotte styles for a far more flattering full-length trouser.

Whether its jeans or tailored trousers, we certainly shouldn't be seeing the top of your foot this season – with hems sitting, at most, a centimetre above the floor.

Michael Kors and Max Mara are among the designers backing floor-skimming trousers for the new season.

And Coleen Rooney agrees, too. Her latest collection for Primark includes a tailored pair for just £18 that looks far more designer than its price tag suggests.

Trousers, £18, Primark

DITCH: Baggy knitwear
BUY: Neat knitwear

WHO doesn't love a big chunky knit, especially now summer is about to disappear.

But you can still get that cosy feeling from a slimmer style.

This season, it's time to shape up your woolies.

Think relaxed and comfortable rather than tight, but with just enough structure to give your outfit a more polished, modern look.

Autumn/Winter runways at Gabriela Hearst and Joseph proved the point, with rollnecks, jumpers and cardis all cut in sleek shapes that looked cosy *and* elegant.

For autumn, try warmer shades that will see you through the transitional months. This polo knit from F&F ticks all the boxes, and is less than £20.

Cardigan, £19.50, F&F at Tesco

It's the colour that will dominate our autumn wardrobes. Fashion Editor **ABBY McHALE** picks the best red buys on the high street, from just £4.50 . . .

Earrings, £7.99, New Look

Cap, £4.50, Primark

Belt, £17.99, Mango

Jacket, £35.99, New Look

Sunglasses, were £59.50, now £25, Oliver Bonas

Y IN RED

Blouse, £27.99, H&M

Trainers, £36, M&S

Cardigan, £27.50, F&F at Tesco

T-shirt, £16, Next

Skirt, £42, Next

Blazer, £49.99, Reserved

Midi dress, £49.99, Zara

Mini dress, £39, River Island

Jeans, £49.99, Mango

Heels, £16, Primark

Socks, £3.90, Uniqlo

Bag, £12.50, Tu at Sainsbury's

Top and trousers, £35 each, Very

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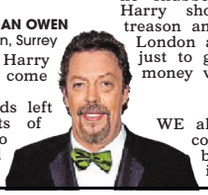
IT'S so sad that actor Tim Curry, *pictured*, has died.

Known for his role as Frank-N-Furter in The Rocky Horror Picture Show, he went on to star as Pennywise in Stephen King's IT and was great in Home Alone 2.

He was a great talent who will be sorely missed.

IAN OWEN
Wallington, Surrey



ISN'T it obvious why Harry and Meghan want to come back to the UK?

They have no friends left in America and lots of money worries so want the King and the British taxpayer to bail them out. After the damage they have done to the Royal Family and this country, they should never be welcomed back.

BRIAN TITTERTON
Chesterfield, Derbys

FOLLOWING the way in which he snubbed his country, Prince Harry should be arrested for treason and put in the Tower of London as a tourist attraction, just to get back some of the money we has cost us all.

BERNARD DOOHAN
Blaby, Leics

WE all knew the rain was coming and there would be a risk of flooding because of the baked-hard ground. That has now come to pass in Birmingham, with drains overflowing.

Why were they not cleared in anticipation? This country just stumbles from crisis to crisis.

BRIAN LEA
Nottingham

THE BBC has ruined Master-Chef. Grace Dent, *pictured*, is a great food critic but a rubbish presenter.

Bring back John Torode and the original format. People must be switching off – I sure know I am.

MARTIN RIGG
Barnet, North London

Child death is new low

£50 LETTER

IT'S heartbreaking that beautiful little Valentina Foster and her auntie Natalie McDonald lost their lives.

Thugs torched the house where Valentina was staying in Grangetown, Middlesbrough.

It was a suspected gangland revenge attack after the A66 crash that killed five youths travelling the wrong way down the road, and two cops.

An innocent seven-year old and her aunt killed by morons. It makes me sick to my stomach.

ADAM JOHNSON
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear

THE fire that took the lives of little Valentina Foster and her aunt could be linked to the road smash near Middlesbrough.

What is sad is that it takes tragedies like this for the police to crack down on gangs.

PADDY MAXWELL
Lordshill, Southampton

MIDDLESBROUGH has become like 1920s Chicago with all the talk of organised crime.

The police and courts need to come down heavily on the perpetrators, who so obviously have no regard for law and order.

DAVID WEBSTER
Taunton, Somerset

THE words of a relative of tragic Valentina Foster summed it up: "Why you? You're just a baby."

Organised crime is suspected. This a horrific new low.

STEPHEN TURNBULL
Chopwell, Tyne and Wear

CRIME in Middlesbrough is astonishing. A home was ram-raided recently, two policemen were killed in a road crash when a car drove the wrong way down the A66, and a little girl along with her aunt died in an arson attack. We are going to the dogs.

KELVIN GLENN
Corringham, Essex

GRANGETOWN appears be a place where lawless yobs rule. Something must be done.

SUZZANNE LAMBERT
Sandhutton, North Yorks

WATCHING PM Andy Burnham, London Mayor Sadiq Khan and Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden stacking shelves at Sainsbury's for a photo op is embarrassing.

The store's workers probably couldn't wait for them to leave.

JAMIE WILLIAMS
Dunstable, Beds

HOW many politicians does it take to stack a single supermarket shelf? Or were Andy Burnham, Sadiq Khan and Pat McFadden each preparing for their next career move?

PETE LAMBELL
Daventry, Northants

BURNHAM, Khan and McFadden should focus more on sorting out energy costs, jobs for youngsters and knife crime in London.

NIGEL COLEY
Leicester

A FOUR per cent rise in energy bills in October is bad enough but a nine per cent increase is expected in January. Like the Sun said, we're heading for another winter of discontent.

CAROLE DAVIES
Maldon, Essex

ENERGY Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh seemed to admit punishing Net Zero levies are a big contributory factor to rising costs.

It exposes the promise of her predecessor, Ed Miliband, to cut bills by £300 as fantasy.

LESLEY EVANS
Walsall, West Mids

THE number of illegal migrants in hotels has fallen by 50 per cent, says the Home Office.

That's maybe because they have moved them into houses.

DAVID FOAKES
Leeds

THE Government is trying to stop data on crimes committed by migrants between 2018 and 2024 from being released.

Why? If it's not bad, they have nothing to be worried about.

NIGEL NEWTON
Upminster, Essex

BRITAIN may be on its knees but we're so lucky compared to Nepal where flash floods have cost more than 350 lives.

JANE FISHER
Dumpling Hall, Tyne and Wear

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ANDY BURNHAM needs to quit the photoshoots and sort the country's problems. He is the PM, not everyone's mate.
STEWART LOVATT, Leicester

HOW is people smuggler Andrew Walsh still wandering free, posting pictures of his lavish lifestyle when he's putting the lives of immigrants at risk? It's disgraceful.
SIMON JELLIS, Letchworth, Herts

WHEN will football commentators learn to shut up? They just bang on and on.
COLIN MANNING
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with MAGGIE HYDE

ARIES March 21 – April 20

If you're worried about work or your health, send out a prayer and put your trust in the universe. The wheel of fate turns quickly during an eclipse, a cosmic reminder that you can't always be in control. Unexpected news may mean having to change plans fast. Love is doubly important so open your heart.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

A surprise announcement from a child or friend gives you a lot to think about. You may not approve but remain open-minded. Go out of your way to help if needed. If you're at a party or celebrating this evening, you're in tune with your stars. However, keep close tabs on your money and don't overspend or be careless.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Eclipses are game-changers so look for a sign pointing you in a new work direction. You could be the one to shock others with the choices you're making or you may act unpredictably and decide to turn your life upside down. If you're at a family celebration, get ready for some drama or secrets to emerge.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

It's a positive time to make new friends, join a group or get involved with social issues. If you're seeking inspiration, be around other people and let their ideas rub off. However, be wary what you say or write. Words spoken in haste could be taken the wrong way. If over-thinking is your enemy, line up a social weekend.

LEO July 23 – August 23

A tricky situation could impact you financially so be wary what you say yes to. If you and someone close don't see eye-to-eye about money, this isn't the best day to sort things. If anything, a difference of opinion could push you apart. Instead, be around people who are savvy around cash. Keep options open.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Today's eclipse is about transformation for you, on a personal level. You could be changing your image, your identity or status. If you're in a relationship that's not working out, what's hidden may come to light. Change is rarely easy but now it can also reveal how strong the bonds are between you and someone close.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Eclipse power kicks in and shows where change may be necessary. This could coincide with a new job or one coming to an end, or you may find the willpower to give up a bad habit. Sometimes, life has other plans. Even though an unexpected diversion could be disappointing it may lead you to something better.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

You could be celebrating a child or friend's achievement so pull out all the stops and make it special. There could also be a drama to deal with so be ready. You may have to step in and help someone close or assist in a last-minute rescue mission. It's not wise to have an argument about money today. Zip it.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Pay close attention to what happens today. Some events may seem trivial but could be the catalyst for change over the next few months. You could get caught up dealing with other people's issues but keep a close eye on your situation. Single? Be cautious of the person who wants you to drop everything for them.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Even the best-laid plans can change. Be flexible and don't be afraid to change your mind. If you clash with someone at work, look objectively. Silence is golden and reacting impulsively isn't wise. Be careful of an influencer with their get-rich-quick scheme, unless you're willing to play for high stakes.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

Money dramas are highlighted under the eclipse. A third party may be involved, either someone who wants to get their hands on your money or someone who's willing to help you: don't rule out an upswing in fortune. Other people have their own agenda and it may be difficult to reach a compromise.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Today's eclipse in your sign is the cosmic equivalent of a rollercoaster ride that can rocket you to fame or bring unexpected change. You might be up against opposition or be comparing yourself unfavourably to other people. Aim to be true to who you are even if this means you can't please everyone. Do things your way.

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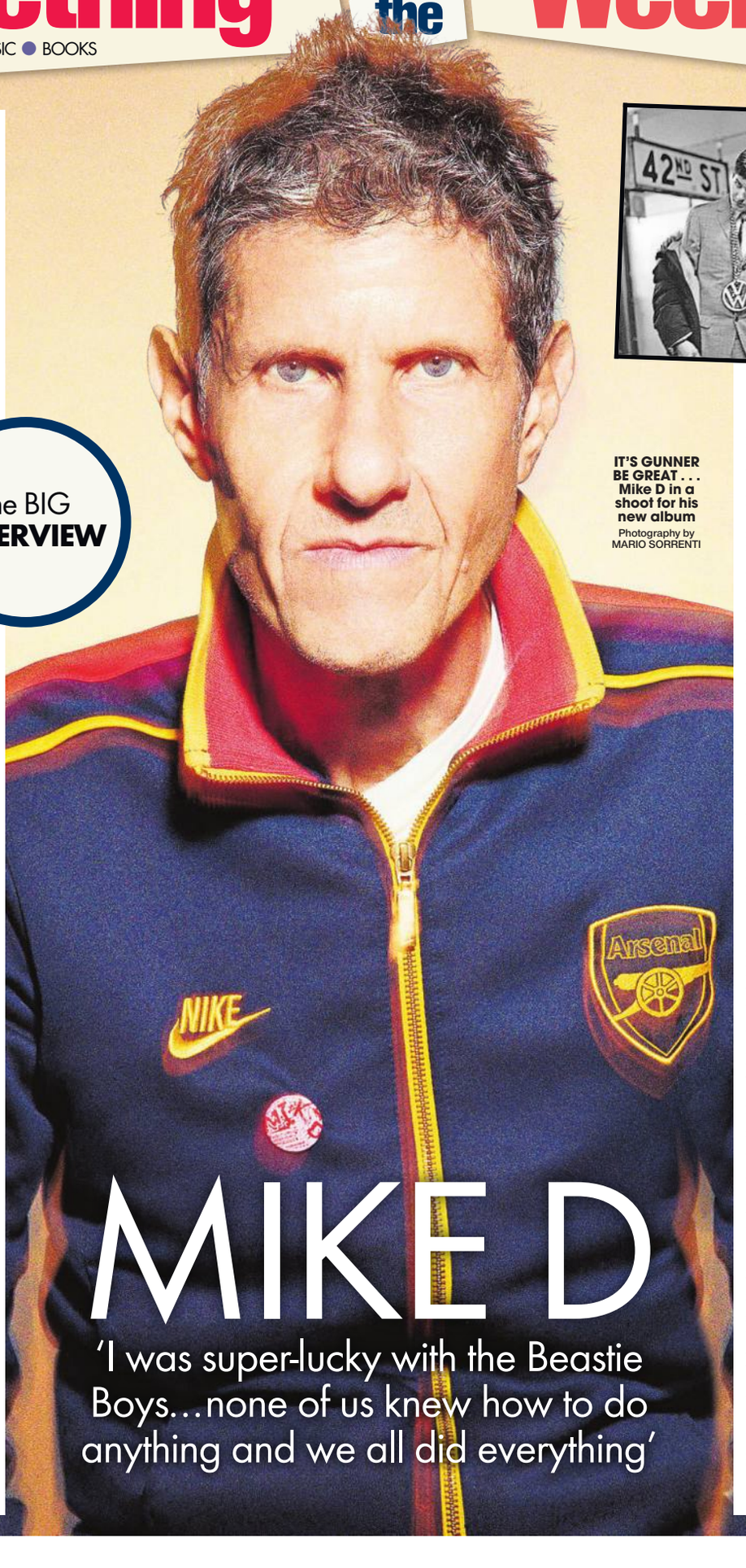

MIKE D

'I was super-lucky with the Beastie Boys…none of us knew how to do anything and we all did everything'

IT'S GUNNER BE GREAT . . . Mike D in a shoot for his new album

Photography by MARIO SORRENTI

By JACQUI SWIFT

BEASTIE BOYS rapper Mike D didn't know if he would ever make music again after the death of bandmate Adam Yauch.

When Yauch, aka MCA, died of rare salivary gland cancer in 2012, aged 47, Michael Diamond was so overcome by the loss of his childhood friend that making music was too painful.

He says: "Grieving was so f***ing hard because it's this thing we desperately want to control but cannot. The feeling of loss stops your entire world from moving forward because you're stuck in that moment."

The deep pain reflected how much Yauch meant to him. He says: "We miss these people because we love them so much."

American hip-hop act the Beastie Boys – Diamond, Yauch and Adam Horovitz, aka Ad-Rock – formed in New York in 1981 but disbanded in 2012 after Yauch's death.

Although Diamond later cautiously returned to the studio as a producer – working with artists including Portugal. The Man, Soft Play and The Hives – making music for himself was different.

I caught up with him for a chat to mark the release of his debut solo album, Thank You – and we chatted about football (he supports Arsenal), a recent holiday in Spain and how much the new record means to him.

Now 60, he reveals how Yauch remains a reference point in his music and life.

Jams with sons

He says: "There's a beauty in the relationship I had with Yauch as this kind of older brother figure. Even without him still being in my life, physically, I can still embrace him in that role."

By making new music of his own, Diamond felt able to carry that relationship forward creatively.

The route back began quietly at home, jamming with sons Skyler and Davis, who are the indie pop duo Very Nice Person.

What started as zero-pressure sessions gradually became more substantial and eventually evolved into Thank You.

Of his sons' passion for music, Diamond says: "I never pushed it on them. I wanted it to be something they ultimately discovered for themselves.

"The fact they came to it on their own then were able to share it with each other is amazing. Now we can all be obsessed with music in similar ways."

Yauch was never far from Diamond's mind while he was recording Thank You.

He says: "I would think, 'I wonder what he would make of this?'"

And he adds: "Making the record, there was a point where I realised, 'Oh wow, I do feel differently doing this. I'm a happier version of myself'.

"I just realised, 'Yeah, this is what I'm supposed to be doing'."

But as the record developed, the process became more introspective.

He says: "There came a point when I thought, 'Wait, what the f*** am I talking about? What am I here to say? What's important to me?' And then there are the answers to that."

Part of that meant trying not to remain boxed in by his past.

He says: "I wanted to start making it without any of the baggage of what it comes from or who I am or who I was." But creating

TRIPLE TROUBLE . . . Diamond, *left*, with Beastie Boys Adam Horovitz and Adam Yauch in NYC, 1986

his own record meant learning to take the lead. He says: "I was super-lucky in my collaboration with Beastie Boys.

"It was very unusual, almost unheard of, in terms of how a band functioned because we were so democratic and equal – not just in decision-making, but in the roles we played.

"It wasn't like, 'You only do this', or, 'You only do that'.

"None of us knew how to do anything and we all did everything. There were certain things we were each better at but it all filtered in.

"So, I guess what was new to me this time was realising I had to take that responsibility myself. I was a little shy about it at first."

Songs took shape in collaboration with a wide circle of musicians, who pushed experiments in unexpected directions.

Studio sessions opened out beyond his sons to include SZA collaborator Carter Lang, Ging (formerly Frank Dukes), Jason Lader, Jared Solomon, Eddie Ruscha and Tyran Donaldson, while guitarist Will Graefe also contributed.

Diamond says many of those relationships grew naturally at his home studio, particularly during Covid, when musicians were no longer on the road.

Zambian rock

He says: "I share a studio with my sons and during Covid, when everything was shut down, a lot of the people who were on my record were coming by our home because nobody was on tour.

"That's when I met Carter Lang and Carter introduced us to Ty."

For Diamond, it was always the chemistry that mattered more than the names his collaborators had worked with.

He says: "I can't say enough amazing things about Ty. He's so talented. He's done these big records but he's not interested in being defined by having worked on big records.

"He remains a total musichead, really dedicated to the music.

"The goal is to have this creative chaos where it's completely free. We're adding too many ingredients to the recipe then he's the chef that comes in afterwards."

That openness became central to how Diamond wanted sessions to work. It helped shape tracks such as Secrets I and Secrets II, which began as two separate ideas during the same session with Lang and Donaldson.

Diamond says: "I listened to what they'd done with Secrets and was, 'Wow!'.

"It was this experience of hearing a song where I felt like it was so much beyond me.

"I couldn't have done it without all the people involved."

Elsewhere, the record ranges from the Zambian rock-inspired True Colors to the digital-age satire of Crypto, while Switch Up

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SEEN THE LIGHT . . . Diamond says he was made to make music

Photography by DAN LOWE

MIKE D Thank You

★★★★½

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grew out of the early home studio experiments with his sons.

By April, Diamond's renewed confidence saw carried him back on stage, and he joined his sons' band for a surprise appearance in California.

He says: "The show we did was unannounced and in the parking lot of a surf shop not far from where we live in California.

"I had an emotional moment on stage because, looking around, there were so many people I knew from the community and I felt very supported.

"It was also beautiful in a surreal way, being out in this parking lot – people were stopping by in their cars. It just felt right."

The live return soon gathered pace and he formed his own new group Mike D 5D, with five bandmates – his sons as well as album collaborator Will Graefe, and father and son Eddie and Milo Ruscha.

After gigs in California and New York, Diamond brought the show to the UK in June, playing first in North Shields then two intimate performances at 26 Leake Street – the event space beneath London's Waterloo Station.

Alongside his own new material, he also began carefully introducing a handful of Beastie Boys songs into the set.

He says: "I know playing Beastie Boys songs is going to make people happy but I only wanted to pick the ones we could really embrace."

These included Hello Brooklyn and Looking Down The Barrel Of A Gun, while at North Shields he also played So What'cha Want.

He says with a laugh: "If I'm honest, I didn't know where North Shields was until the idea was proposed to me.

"But now that we've done it, it made me feel very optimistic. I think there's a real future in these smaller places.

"You've got places like London, Paris and New York where, for culture to exist, it's become so expensive.

"The UK audiences, in particular, really helped us. I'd look out into the crowd and, sure, there were people of a certain age who'd listened to Beastie Boys for years and had those records as an important part of their lives.

"But what was amazing was seeing that it wasn't just *[those]* people there with their kids – it was all different generations.

"The UK shows really brought things to a different level.

"Before we got to the UK, it was, like, 'Alright, let's just try not to make too many mistakes'.

"But after doing some *[US]* shows on the West Coast and in New York, once we got here, we were able to just enjoy playing music with each other."

"Making the record, it was my record, but when it came to going on tour, I was really proud of the band we'd put together. I'm proud of what we've become.

Emotional arc

"There's this thing that happens, whether you're collaborating in the studio or you're on stage, where all of a sudden you become part of something that's kind of beyond you, and you get to share that with people."

After the UK gigs, his band played dates across Europe – and has more summer shows planned, as well as dates in Brighton, Glasgow, Manchester and London in October.

But one song on the album stands out for Diamond – the title track. During the recording process, he immediately felt it was different from the others.

He says: "It was interesting because the song came a good amount into making the record. I've had this experience with records before. Will *[Graefe]* was in the studio. We had already worked on a different idea and then I was, like, 'Oh, let's try something. This acoustic guitar sounds really cool, so let's start something with that'.

"My kids think it's hilarious, generationally, because I'm a pen-to-paper person with lyric ideas.

"I have all these different books, and I don't necessarily remember which book I've written something down in.

"That was the Thank You thing. I knew I'd written something down that was the start of a thought and, while Will was playing, I started to do what became the scratch vocal for that song.

"And then it was funny because, as soon as we stopped with that idea, in that moment I was, like, 'This is going to be the last song on the record'.

"I just kind of knew that was how it should end. I don't know . . . it doesn't always happen, but that time it did."

Diamond knew the album had developed an emotional arc, and Thank You felt like its natural conclusion. He says: "I knew I wanted it to be like a journey, and I knew that was going to be the end."

There was also one person Diamond felt he needed to tell in person that he was recording the album – his surviving Beastie Boys bandmate Horovitz.

He says: "There was a certain point where I was committed enough to making this record that I thought, 'Alright, I sort of have to let Adam know'. I wanted that to come from me."

He says with a laugh: "In that sense, it is like a romantic relationship. I was nervous to have the conversation, but it was really nice to be able to tell him, 'This is what I'm doing', and have him be good with that.

"He doesn't have to love it. But I know he's happy for me."

Meanwhile, Diamond is already busy thinking about making more music and touring.

He says: "There are a lot of ideas we started that I want to follow up on. There's a lot more I want to do with the live band.

"I don't want to take so long, I want to see where we can go."

Q & A

THE JAYHAWKS

'Move over John and Yoko, I have found my muse'

FOR 40 years, The Jayhawks have led the charge for modern Americana. With their unerring knack for sparkling pop melodies, gorgeous harmonies and thoughtful lyrics, they deserve to be mentioned in the same breath as their heroes The Band as well as The Byrds (Gram Parsons era) and Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. Their latest album, the sparkling Sanctuary Park, marks a big personal shift for frontman Gary Louris. After marrying Canadian wife Stephanie, he moved to Canada and recorded the album there with legendary Canadian producer Bob Ezrin, who also helmed The Jayhawks' album Smile in 2000. Here, Anglophile Louris tells all to SIMON COSYNS . . .

KINGSTON Girl is dedicated to your wife Steph . . . why did she inspire so much of your songwriting on this album?

It's funny what finding true love does to a person. Move over, John and Yoko. We are inseparable.

They say write what you know, and I have found my muse. Period. I love this woman and I want the world to know it!

Tell us about the significance of Sanctuary Park in Dundas, near Toronto, and why it became the album title?

Stephanie's youth was much more interesting than mine. I was a shy kid, good student, never missed a class, was an altar boy. Steph was (and still is) bad ass.

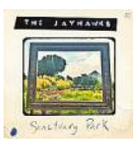
She was popular and hung with the cool kids, but also with the nerds – and had much more fun than I did. Sanctuary Park was one of their hangs where they smoked cigarettes, drank beer, listened to music and had adventures.

The name Sanctuary Park became a metaphor for a fictional place, a haven that holds memories, but also hopes and regrets and possibilities.

What about the other songs that reflect on your relationship with Steph?

Hands Upon The Wheel has a bit of a Bonnie and Clyde, us-against-the-world vibe. Sometimes people don't understand how my wife and I are always together, at home, on the road, everywhere (again, think John and Yoko and how people didn't quite get that).

Always And A Day – well, you are starting to see the thread here – is a love song to my wife. It almost didn't make the record. I thought it was "dumb rock" and maybe not sophisticated enough but, after we recorded it, it quickly became one of my and Bob's *[producer Ezrin's]* favourites. It has my best solo on the record – that's my Flying V speaking.



THE JAYHAWKS Sanctuary Park

★★★★½

How's life in Canada and to what extent does it give you a different perspective on the US?

Canada is a kinder United States, but don't confuse kindness with weakness. The people and the country are very proud and very strong. They are finding their way with a new political road map.

Living in Canada and seeing the US through their eyes makes it even more apparent that America sees itself as the centre of the universe.

The song American Midnight walks the line of not being politically specific, but addressing the bigger problem of the deep division I see now in the US.

Guns are the problem. I don't care what gun owners say – they love their guns. But in Canada, it's so different.

Which Canadian artists inspire you?

The Jayhawks name is a tribute to our biggest Canadian influence, The Band (Robbie Robertson, Rick Danko, Richard Manuel, Garth Hudson). The Band was originally called The Hawks, when they backed Ronnie Hawkins and before they changed their name when backing Bob Dylan. I am also a huge fan of Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Gordon Lightfoot, and Neil Young, of course.

My more contemporary favourites are The Sadies, Tragically Hip and Ron Sexsmith.

I also name check Teenage Head in the song Sanctuary Park. They were the Canadian Ramones.

How was reuniting with Bob Ezrin, another Canadian, for this album?

Bob and I have remained friends since the making of Smile, in 1999. He is a force of nature, a passionate man who I admire greatly. (At this point, I have been instructed by Mr Ezrin to say, "I am nothing without Bob!" Haha!)

Bob is no-nonsense. He knows what he wants and is a stickler for detail. I mean, the man produced The Wall, by Pink Floyd, for Chrissakes!

I gather your guitar-playing on the title track reminded Bob of David Gilmour. How did that feel?

I am a huge David Gilmour fan. His playing is so lyrical and emotional. It is the ultimate compliment.

The core line-up of you, Marc Perlman, Karen Grotberg and Tim O'Reagan seems very settled. How's the dynamic of the band these days?

We are like a dysfunctional family at times, but the love is there. If we have any differences, they all disappear on stage. I love the way we play together and how they bring my songs to life.

What are your memories of forming The Jayhawks with Mark Olson more than 40 years ago?

It was a long, long time ago. First goal was to get a gig. Second goal was to get people to the gig. Third goal was to get a Friday night. Then maybe enough gigs to get in a van and play a weekend or two. Then maybe we can make a record.

Maybe people will like the record and we can make more. Then maybe we can conquer the world. Well, we may not have conquered the world, but we did find our place in it.

Which of the songs from Hollywood Town Hall and Tomorrow The Green Grass do you still enjoy playing live?

I love almost all our old catalogue. Of course, we always play Blue, the hit that was never really a hit but feels like it every time we play it.

Ahead of their September UK tour, here's a final thought from Gary . . .

On a side note, I want to tell you that Steph and I have a deep love for all things British. We watch BBC news all day. At night, we listen to BBC radio.

We dream of living there one day. And we have the utmost respect for the Royal Family. I am hoping they may be Jayhawks fans. Let them know that they are on the guestlist.

NEW RELEASES

ALABAMA SHAKES

I Must Be Dreaming

THE Georgia three-piece's first album in a decade is a psychedelic soul collection sprinkled with protest tracks.

Easy is a love song, drifting along in a mellow romantic fog while Garden is like trip-hop with an experimental edge.

I Feel Hope Coming is wonderfully optimistic and positive, extolling themes of love and optimism.

American Dream has a darker edge, lamenting the current state of the band's US homeland. ★★★★ **JS**

ALICIA WITT

Between Heaven And Earth

THE American actress first came to fame in the orbit of visionary film director David Lynch, in the original Dune and Twin Peaks.

She's also a gifted singer and songwriter and on this album, inspired by her four-decade friendship with Lynch, her two worlds collide.

A pivotal track is More which finds Witt regretting Lynch's passing because "love always leaves us wishing for more time." An intimate, spontaneous album. ★★★★ **SC**

CAUGHT LIVE

RONNIE WOOD

at Kentish Town Forum, London

NO one would have thought it was his first solo show in the UK for 16 years, when Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie took to the stage for the latest gig on his Fearless tour.

He belted out 23 hits from his back catalogue – Stones, Faces and solo – as well as new songs, and the jazz vocals of Irish singer Imelda May complemented him perfectly.

Ahead of the show, he said: "I'm looking forward to kickin' ass." He sure did. ★★★★★ **JESS WILSON**

sftw MOVIES

TOP 5 FILMS THIS WEEK **1:** Spider-Man: Brand New Day. **2:** The Odyssey. **3:** Insidious: Out Of The Further. **4:** The End Of Oak Street: **5.** Spa Weekend
Source: filmdistributorsassociation.com

SIR Ridley Scott has directed some of the greatest films ever, including Alien, Blade Runner and Gladiator.

But at 88, his latest offering gives the impression he didn't have much energy to put into this painfully dull, supposed disaster film.

Based on Peter Heller's book, the story follows Hig (Jacob Elordi), who survives a flu pandemic that kills most of the world's people.

He and fellow gun-toting survivor Bangley (Josh Brolin) live in an abandoned airport with dog Jasper.

Hig spends his days flying in a plane, trying to find other survivors, and stumbles across Cima (Margaret Qualley) and her dad, Pops (Guy Pearce).

Together, they try to find more life. To say the film is slow is an understatement.

After 20 minutes of watching Elordi fly around in an old plane looking out over open horizons, you're praying for zombies. Or aliens. Or dinosaurs.

Just something, anything, to break up the monotony.

There's little to no chemistry among any of the cast, a strangely misjudged horror sequence very late, and even the violence sequences are like watching a basic computer game.

THE DOG STARS
(15) 118mins ★

FRESH from her excellent turn in The Invite, Olivia Wilde is back on the big screen with a hilarious and hypnotic performance.

An explosive beginning sees young art assistant Elliot (Cooper Hoffman) wearing women's underwear and a bloody face, stumbling out to a swimming pool that has a naked artist, Erika Tracy (Wilde), floating lifelessly in it.

Rewind to how the pair first met, when Elliot interviews for a job to work for Erika.

He's naive, trusting and in a loveless relationship with a glum, uninterested girlfriend (Charli XCX).

Erika sees Elliot as fresh meat and soon makes him her sex slave. She gets him addicted to her bizarre S&M games, while spanking and demeaning him.

It's laugh-out-loud excruciating, as Hoffman plays the wide-eyed, love-struck Gen Zer perfectly.

And there's a superb comic performance from Mason Gooding as a judgmental gay assistant.

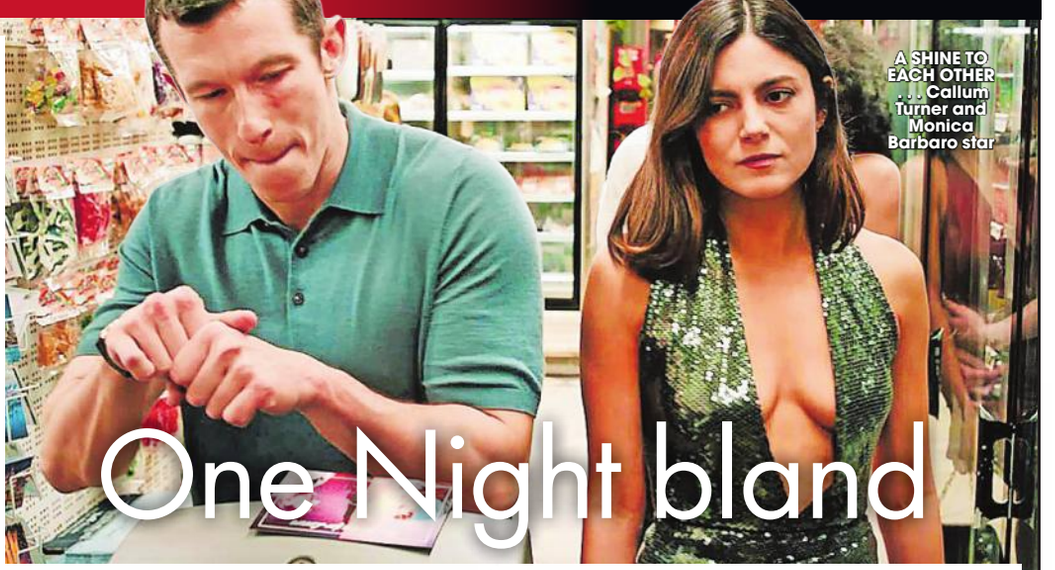
Directed by Gregg Araki, this raucous sex comedy is both stylish and sassy.

The two leads make it endlessly watchable, but it's Wilde who clearly relishes this role.

FILM OF THE WEEK

I WANT YOUR SEX
(18) 90mins ★★★★

Dulcie Pearce AT THE MOVIES



A SHINE TO EACH OTHER . . . Callum Turner and Monica Barbaro star

One Night bland

IMAGINE a world where it was illegal to have sex outside marriage – apart from one day in 365.

And even then, you legally had to use protection, otherwise you would be thrown in jail. Oh, and you're also all given an Orwellian wrist tattoo that goes from red to green when the 12-hour timer begins.

There would be riots on the streets, right? Well, not in this shiny film, where young, glamorous single people in the free world seem fine with these rules.

In fact, they get glammed up with a pack of condoms in their pocket and try to have sex with someone before the clock strikes 12.

They include stunningly beautiful jingle-singer Allie (Monica Barbaro) who dons a barely-there glittery dress to impress a potential suitor. But bafflingly, she is soon eating dumplings alone while her friend hooks up with a man she met in the queue for the loo.

Meanwhile, pizza shop owner Owen (Callum Turner) has planned a romantic evening with his girlfriend Malika (Maya Hawke).

There, she tells him she'd rather bed someone else.

So Allie and Owen spend a lot of time walking the streets of New York while just about everyone snogs in doorways, in cars, and on train platforms. Their paths cross regularly, bumping into each other throughout the night in various, funny ways around the city.

They even have a physical fight over a $200 condom.

With their clear chemistry, there's some classic rom-com push and pull between the two. It's directed by Will Gluck, who knows the rules of rom-coms with his 2023 film Anyone But You.

But sadly, this never hits the same stride.

It gets itself into such a pickle with the details of this dystopian world where the US government is in charge of the whole of the country's sex lives.

You can be thrown in jail if you consensually hook up with someone.

That dark, potentially terrifying storyline could be a whole film in itself. But here, it's just sprinkled in occasionally.

There are a few lightweight political conversations between couples and police chasing naked people who have broken the sex rules – and that's about it.

There are some funny moments, and its two charismatic leads most certainly save this strange love story.

But finally the huge plot holes and the desperately flat ending become a big turn-off.

ONE NIGHT ONLY
(15) 102mins ★★

FILM NEWS

- A SEQUEL to How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days is in the works.
- Disney has confirmed there will be a Zootopia 3.
- SAOIRSE RONAN has declared she wants to play a Bond villain and "go dark".

GAMES

Edited by OWEN ANSLOW

Samurai monkeys get Blood boiling

CURSED BLOOD
PC, £12 ★★★★

VENGEFUL samurai monkeys slaughtering their way through a dark, bizarre underground world after mafia bosses desecrated a sacred shrine?

Sounds bloody brilliant.

And, in a sense, that's exactly what Cursed Blood is. This addictive top-down platformer is drenched in blood, gore and a healthy dose of absurdity.

The story is basic enough – restore balance by slashing your way through the enemies responsible for destroying the Shrine of Vermillion and collecting their blood.

You can choose from the game's playable samurais who offer different levels of combat creativity, and combat is where Cursed Blood really comes alive.

Katanas are the star of the show, with rapid slashes and spectacular finishing moves. Executing fallen enemies can restore health, encouraging an aggressive rather than defensive approach.

The level design changes with each run, with secrets, loots, enemies and bosses appearing in different combinations to keep you on your toes.

Progression revolves around Blood Orbs, new weapons, upgrades and World Mutations, while the curse system adds some superb risk-versus-reward decisions.

The game flows particularly well when you're chaining attacks, dashing between enemies and finishing off wounded opponents. In multiplayer, however, the screen can become chaotic. But teaming up with three buddies does result in some strategic joy.

Cursed Blood boasts an inventive gameplay with a visually memorable identity. It's an Early Access title, so hopefully more levels and bosses are inbound.

But for now, you'll just have to make do with blood-thirsty samurai monkeys – and it's one hell of a combo.

BOOKS

Edited by NATASHA HARDING

EYES ON YOU
Adele Parks, £16.99

PICK OF THE WEEK

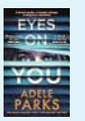
AMY had a bright future ahead, but that changed when she was 15 and her dad killed his secret lover.

Her testimony saw him sent to prison while Amy and her mum tried to rebuild their lives.

Years later, Amy meets Oliver, who she falls hard for. But Oliver is holding something back, and it turns out he is trying to forget the past, too.

Is their relationship doomed to fail because of the sins of their families?

A twisted tale that will surprise you again and again.



★★★★★

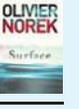
SURFACE
Olivier Norek, £22

PARIS cop Noemie Chastain is shot in the face during a drugs raid.

Her superiors, worried her disfiguring injuries will hurt morale, banish her to a rural village on a fact-finding mission to see if the police station there should be closed.

Chastain's tedious exile soon ends when the skeleton of a child is found in a lake after 25 years – unearthing all manner of dark community secrets.

Norek is a former Paris cop and this gripping tale feels authentic – about police work and the sheer weirdness of backwoods France.



★★★★ SJC

AS ONE: REMAKING SUEDE
Rodge Glass, £26

"I'M not trying to persuade you to like this band," says the author.

No need – anyone reading is already a superfan.

This isn't your standard "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" deep dive. Instead, it charts Suede's relentless drive to break new musical ground ten albums in.

It's a remarkable comeback, meticulously documented by Glass, but summed up perfectly by a fan: "None of this should be happening 30-odd years on. It's a gift."

★★★½ JD

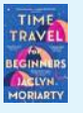
TIME TRAVEL FOR BEGINNERS
Jaclyn Moriarty, £16.99

AFTER being hit by a car, Anna leaves her old life behind and gets a new job at the Time Travel Agency.

Jade, who is also there, joins a creative mentorship, while Teddy a few streets away longs to get on better with his brother.

When their paths intertwine, the three are given the chance to revisit their past, but they are not allowed to change it.

An imaginative, thought-provoking novel, which explores the age-old question: Can you really change who you are?



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KATY BRIGHT

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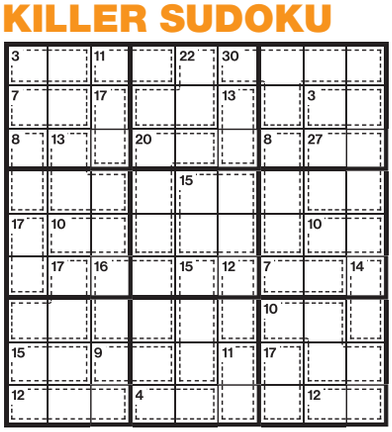


The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

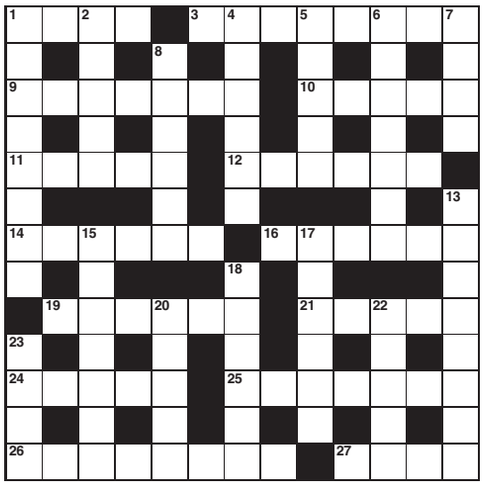
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 Total prat's head is in cesspool (4)
3 Prohibit instruments of torture in soldiers' accommodation (8)
9 German with many handwarmers (7)
10 Instrument of violence, cut in half by American (5)
11 Drink, and jeer unknown European (5)
12 Foreign immigrants from Texas somehow touring Portugal (6)
14 Lower concentration of setter had returned – one's quite highly strung (6)
16 Sudden dispersal of liquid from mountains to the west? Be quiet (6)
19 Minister's average child (6)
21 Smell unusual, mostly, half of colour lost (5)
24 Coloured earth, source of valuable material, surrounding church (5)
25 Somewhat limper, ill, put in danger (7)
26 Bring to a standstill, as soldier tells fibs on the radio (8)
27 Famous editor partly employed (4)

DOWN

1 Important person performing demos with boy (8)
2 Encountered Robin leaving rubbish container in underground railway? (5)
4 Unseat weird author (6)
5 Make more intense member of the clergy excited (3,2)
6 Majority of Riot Act hopeless around a Balkan country (7)
7 Piece of stone, say, in small research area (4)
8 Extremely durable coin is fairly good (6)
13 Let out boring notes simultaneously, and chuckled gleefully (8)
15 Thrash king about article (7)
17 Instigate frolic in part (6)
18 Is nude agitating to get pants? (6)
20 To begin with, summer and spring's wonderful (5)
22 Plant for risible guards (5)
23 Roll of toilet paper's first piece (4)



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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Pit into which liquid drains (4)
3 Heckles (8)
9 Gloves with just one section for fingers (7)
10 Small relative of the cello (5)
11 Alcoholic drink (5)
12 People living abroad permanently (6)
14 Water down (6)
16 Prominent news story (6)
19 Someone licensed to preach (6)
21 Aroma (5)
24 Pale brownish-yellow (5)
25 Jeopardise (7)
26 Deprive of power of action (8)
27 Second-hand (4)

DOWN

1 Unspecified person (8)
2 Subway (5)
4 Novelist who wrote Emma (6)
5 Increase in strength (3,2)
6 Part of former Yugoslavia (7)
7 Large slice of cake (4)
8 Sufficiently clothed to be seen (6)
13 Gave a gurgling laugh (8)
15 Treated animal skin (7)
17 Cue (6)
18 Item of clothing worn beneath trousers (6)
20 Expand (5)
22 Member of the iris family with fragrant rhizomes (5)
23 Most common fingerprint pattern (4)

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WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with swimming. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

E	R	C	D	H	S	L
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T	A	O	L	F	C	W
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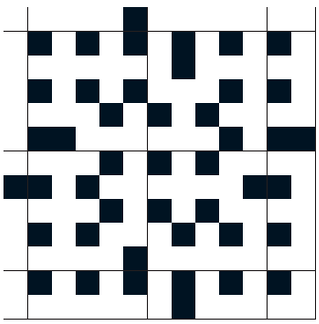
KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



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Strut
Thorn

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Arcade
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Scythe
Sturdy

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Ancient
Antenna
Postman
Topical
Torpedo
Trapeze
Utilise
Washtub

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an athlete:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8

4 & 6	Mr Townend, two-time Grand National-winning jockey on I Am Maximus (second and third letters of name)
8 & 5	Australian owner of a 99.94 Test cricket batting average
1	Sir ___ Campbell, former Lib Dem leader who also once held the British 100 metres record (fourth letter of name)
7	Mr Villeneuve, director of the 2021 Oscar-winning film Dune
3 & 2	John ___ Baird, engineer who invented the first working TV (first two letters of name)

Yesterday: Engineer KARL BENZ ((Syd) Barrett, (Sven-Goran) Eriksson, Ludacris, (George) Lazenby, Kim Basinger). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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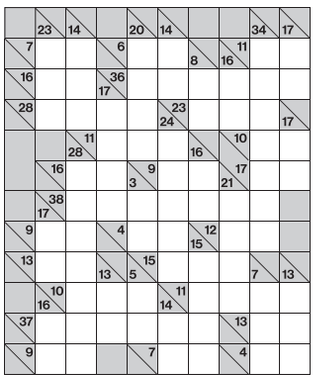

Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

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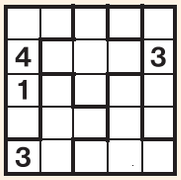

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 31. Excellent: 26. Good: 19. Great kids' score: 15.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Deli, deliver, deride, derive, derived, devil, died, dire, dive, dived, diver, dreidel, dried, drive, drivel, eerie, eider, elide, elided, evil, idle, idled, idler, levied, lied, lire, live, lived, liver, redid, relied, relieve, relieved, relive, relived, revile, reviled, riddle, ride, rile, riled, rive, rived, veil, veiled, vied, vier, vile, viler, DELIVERED.

Check today's answers by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight.
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30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **56**	÷ 7	× 11	- 49	÷ 3	+ 133	Half of it	+ 295	÷ 8	- 38	ANSWER
MEDIUM **107**	- 49	Half of it	+ 335	Quarter of it	- 36	÷ 11	× 7	+ 364	Third of it	ANSWER
HARDER **258**	+ 5/6 of it	÷ 11	+ 1250	Third of it	- 153	50% of it	- 69	÷ 10	× 13	ANSWER

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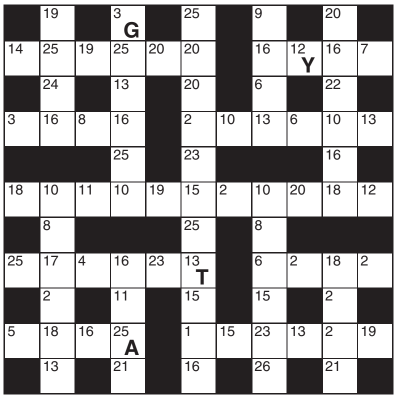
WORD WORKOUT



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3 G	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Y	13 T
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 A	26

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Callously, Adapt, Wedge, Jail, Unable, Reggae, Fuss, Mucky, Churn, Proximity.

DOWN: Amazing, Lute, Unwind, Lid, Marjoram, Evensong, Bouquet, Larynx, Scum, Car.

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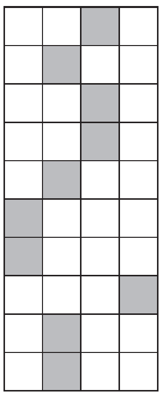
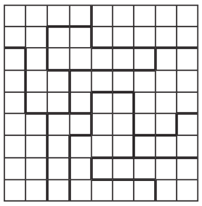
MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a breed of cat (7,3). Solution below.



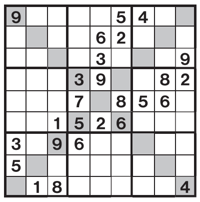
STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



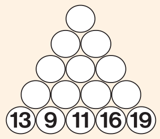
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.



ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.

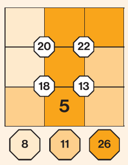


BRAINBUSTER

The following long-winded sentence can be read as what well-known saying?

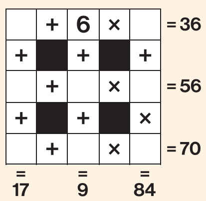
The combined intellectual faculties of a pair of cranial occupants will frequently surpass those possessed by a solitary thinker.

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE



Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

SunDOKU

Easy

8	7	2	9	5	4	1	6	3
6	9	3	8	1	7	2	5	4
5	1	4	2	3	6	8	7	9
7	6	8	3	2	9	4	1	5
9	2	1	7	4	5	3	8	6
3	4	5	6	8	1	9	2	7
1	8	9	5	7	3	6	4	2
4	5	6	1	9	2	7	3	8
2	3	7	4	6	8	5	9	1

Teaser

4	1	3	8	7	9	2	6	5
9	6	8	5	2	1	7	3	4
5	2	7	3	6	4	8	1	9
8	3	6	9	4	5	1	2	7
1	5	2	6	8	7	4	9	3
7	9	4	2	1	3	5	8	6
6	7	1	4	9	2	3	5	8
2	8	5	7	3	6	9	4	1
3	4	9	1	5	8	6	7	2

Toughie

6	1	7	2	5	3	4	9	8
5	9	3	4	1	8	2	7	6
8	4	2	6	9	7	5	1	3
9	2	1	3	7	6	8	4	5
3	6	5	8	4	1	7	2	9
7	8	4	9	2	5	6	3	1
4	5	9	1	6	2	3	8	7
2	3	6	7	8	9	1	5	4
1	7	8	5	3	4	9	6	2

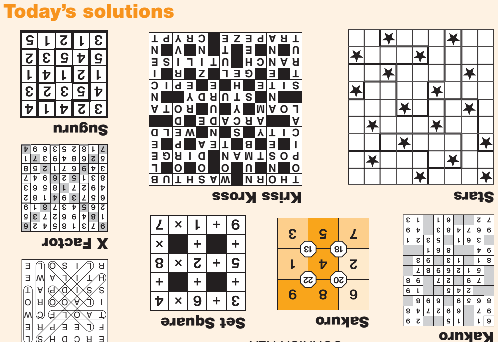
Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 1 C-l-ash, 4 Comp-act, 8 Bit-u-men, 9 Pa-per, 10 Antibody, 12 Kit-h, 14 Eaglet, 15 Ban-ter, 18 Cor-d, 19 Skin-deep, 21 Pr-owl, 22 Thimble, 24 A-sham-ed, 25 Erase.

DOWN: 1 C-abba-ge, 2 Ant, 3 H-o-m-ebrew, 4 Can-ad-a, 5 Mop-e, 6 Ap-point-e-e, 7 Tor-ch, 11 Tiger Moth, 13 Ja-und-i-c-e, 16 Rep-let-e, 17 Skate-d, 18 C-up-pa, 20 G-l-um, 23 Boa.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2025 was 34.7%

Today's solutions



Missing Link
Pick, Loan, Burn, King, Side, Sail, Head, Over, Beat, Exam
CORNISH REX

Page 2 Sekuta
Top line 879
Middle 413
Bottom 625

Numbercrunch
8, 133, 91

Brainbuster
Two heads are better than one

Add Up
198

Calls for clues & answers last no longer than 2 minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: **0333 202 3390** (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

DEAL'S SO HOT

UNILEVER is putting the historic British mustard brand Colman's up for sale as part of its £11.6billion deal with American food giant **MCCORMICK**.

The sale is being driven by the fact McCormick already owns French's, a rival mustard brand. It will take control of names including Marmite, Knorr and Pot Noodle, creating a food business worth about £48.4billion.

SUNNY SIDE UP

HALFORDS raised its annual profit forecast after Britain's hot summer sent demand for bikes, camping gear and air-conditioning services soaring.

The retailer said good weather added £5million to profits. It expects underlying pre-tax profits of £55million to £65million.

Halfords benefited from garage trading and growing e-bike demand.

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IT'S MIKE BASHLEY!

Frasers boss 'b****cks' PM

BILLIONAIRE retail tycoon Mike Ashley has blasted the PM's cost-of-living plan as "b***ks" in a scathing letter to Downing Street.**

The **FRASERS GROUP** founder has torn into Andy Burnham's "Quick Fixes" initiative, accusing him of chasing headlines instead of tackling the real issues crushing business.

Mr Burnham unveiled the package on August 9, promising new rules to make it easier for shoppers to cancel unwanted subscriptions and crack down on misleading discounts.

The PM also unveiled measures giving councils new powers to block vape shops and betting shops opening on the high street.

But Mr Ashley says the announcement ignores the crippling business rates and soaring staff costs that are really driving shops to the wall.

In the letter to Downing Street, he quoted **MARKS & SPENCER** chairman Lord Stuart Rose's blunt verdict on the plan, branding it "hot air" and "a lot of b*****ks about nothing".

Mr Ashley added simply: "I agree with him." His criticism comes weeks after the PM announced a 20 per cent cut to business rates for pubs, social clubs and live music venues, due to kick in from April 2027.

But shops, warehouses and retailers were left out entirely.

Scathing . . . Ashley

Mr Ashley blasted the idea of "hiking business rates on retailer-owned or third-party warehouses while reducing rates for pubs and clubs", calling it "simply delusional".

The letter also reveals the scale of shoplifting, with Mr Ashley estimating Frasers is losing £40million a year. He said the crisis was "getting worse" and was putting staff at risk.

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Aviva	723½	-	5 ½
BAE Systems	2099	+	11
BP*	515	-	7 ½
BT Group*	206¼	+	1 ¼
Barclays*	492¼	-	7
Barratt Redrow	319¾	-	2 ½
Bco Santander SA	1078	-	12
British American Tob	4161	-	77
British Land	426¼	-	5 ¼
Bunzl	2781	-	5
Burberry Group	1076½	-	11 ½
Compass	2247	+	33 ¼
Currys*	150¾	+	1 ¾
Diageo	1706½	-	30
Drax Group	762	+	5 ½
Experian	3039	+	72
FirstGroup	177½	-	2
Frasers Group	826	-	9
GSK*	1856	-	43 ½
Greggs	1853	-	19
HSBC*	1502¼	-	20
IMI*	3132	-	6
ITV	71¾		-
Imperial Brands*	2526	-	33
InterCont Hotels*	12022¾	-	46 ¼
Intl Consol. Airlines	437¾	-	4 ¼
Johnson Matthey*	2231	-	35
Kingfisher	319½	-	3 ¼
Legal&General*	290½	-	0 ½
Lloyds Banking Gp*	109½	-	2 ¼
LSE Grp*	9010	+	322
Man Group*	307½	+	0 ¼
Marks & Spencer	390½	-	3 ¾
Mitch & Butlers	284½	-	3
Mitie Group*	209		-
Mobico Group	23¾	-	0 ½
Mothercare	0¾	+	0
NatWest Group*	679	-	13
National Grid	1160½	-	22
News Corp A	2282¼	+	4 ¾
News Corp B	2584¼	+	8
Next	15505	-	150
Pennon*	474¼	-	0 ½
Persimmon	1184	-	21 ½
Prudential	1014	-	25 ½
Rank Group	105½	-	1 ¼
Reckitt Benckiser*	5122	-	36
Rentokil*	344¼	-	0 ¾
Rightmove	515½	+	6 ½
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9461¾	-	10 ½
Rolls-Royce*	1529½	-	13 ¼
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Severn Trent	3096	-	54
Shell*	3319	-	52
Smith&New	1075	+	4
Smiths News	69¼	+	0 ¼
Standard Chartered*	2146	-	36
Tesco	455½	-	4 ¾
The Sage Grp	1105½	+	42 ½
Unilever*	4743½	-	28 ½
United Utilities	1414	-	22
Vanquis Banking Gp	79¼	+	0 ¼
Vesuvius	390½	-	2 ¼
Vodafone	117	-	0 ¾
WH Smith	414¼	-	6 ¼

* = ex dividend

LOTTERY SALES TUMBLE

NATIONAL Lottery sales have plunged 14 per cent, cutting cash for good causes.

Operator ALLWYN recorded UK revenue of £784million in the three months to June, down from last year.

Contributions to good causes and gaming taxes fell to £578million from £737million. The setback follows figures showing good causes received their lowest quarterly payment in eight years.

Allwyn blamed tougher comparisons with EuroMillions jackpots last year and a 24-hour shutdown during a £450million technology overhaul.

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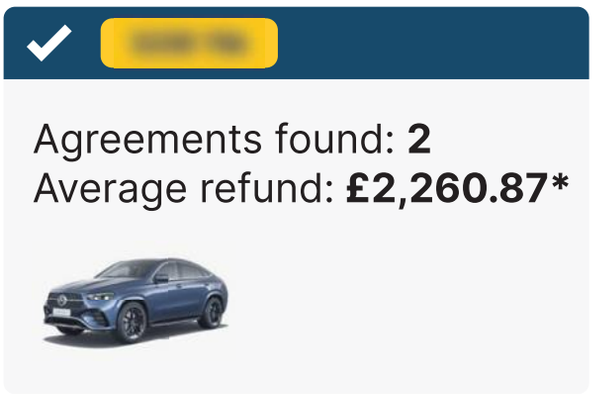

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Sunemployment

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The section that helps you find work

REINVENT . . . Matthew

HOW TO MAKE A CV AGE DEFYING

MANY experienced jobseekers are "Botoxing" their CVs – removing dates, senior positions and years of experience to appear younger.

But there is a difference between making a long career relevant and trying to disguise it.

Matthew Hook from storytelling consultancy Look Up has helped hundreds of people affected by redundancy and midlife career change to reinvent their CVs.

He said: "A CV is not your career archive: edit ruthlessly, but remove the clutter rather than hiding the experience that makes you valuable."

Here are his tips:

1. START WITH YOUR AUDIENCE: Ask who will read your CV and what they need to understand about you? If you are changing sector, direction or seniority, do not assume they will see how your experience fits. Make the connection for them.
2. SHOW VALUE, NOT SENIORITY: Impressive job titles show where you sat in an organisation, not what you contributed. Focus on the problems you solved, changes you led and results you achieved. This makes your experience relevant rather than making you overqualified.
3. KEEP THE INTERESTING BITS: Do not edit so heavily that you become the most obvious candidate. Career changes, unusual roles and unexpected combinations of experience can distinguish you. Employers are hiring your perspective and judgment, not just a set of keywords.
4. ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT: If your CV includes redundancy, a career gap, a change of direction or a move away from senior leadership, offer a brief, confident explanation. Leave a hole and the employer may fill it with an explanation less favourable than the truth.
5. HIGHLIGHT THE RIGHT CHAPTERS: A 30-year career may contain 15 chapters, but your CV probably needs to showcase just three. Choose the roles and achievements that support your next move, even if that means relegating some of the work you are proud of.

Jobspot

COSTA COFFEE is recruiting for locations throughout the country, with vacancies for more than 500 full and part-time baristas and team leaders. See costacareers.co.uk.

EVERY LITTLE ELFS

BUSINESS leaders are backing a campaign to support under-represented youngsters.

The #WhoBelievedInYou initiative, run by professional training firm Circl, challenges bosses to reveal the mentors who supported their early careers.

Eve Williams of eBay UK said: "The person who believed in me was Clare Broadbent, my first CEO at an agency when I took the first step in my career at 22. My first job was as the elf on the Tesco Christmas Gift Guide, and I gave that job everything I had.

"Clare supported me. In my seven years there, I was promoted to managing director."

Circl's Charlie Stainforth added: "Our challenge to the professional community is to share that belief with the young talent entering the workforce."

SLICE PROSPECTS

WANT to flip your career plans? Domino's pizza chain is recruiting 5,000 team members and is targeting students and school leavers who are looking at alternatives to university.

Store bosses want to show that first jobs can become successful careers, as nine in ten Domino's managers started out in a store team or driver role.

Lauren Disney from Norfolk, started at Domino's as a Saturday job and later withdrew her university application.

She's now Assistant Store Manager at just 19. Lauren said: "I'm benefitting more from earning and learning on the job."

Domino's boss Sarah Barron, said: "We want to give more people a job opportunity to see where it could lead." Apply at storejobs.dominos.co.uk.

GOOD BASE . . start at Domino's

JOIN IN WITH THE SEPTEMBER JOB-SWITCH SPIKE

PAWS FOR THOUGHT . . . time off and pet Theodore inspired Nina to launch her business

Nina's reset was stroke of genius

WHILE the August bank holiday brings summer to a close, it also signals the start of "back to work" season.

It will see this year's second biggest spike in job applications.

September ranks as one of the busiest periods for employees handing in their notice, matching the traditional New Year career-change wave in January.

Charlotte Davies, *pictured*, careers expert at networking site LinkedIn explains: "Every August bank holiday, I hear the same thing. People come back from a break with a totally different perspective on life and their job. Some want a new role, others to start their own business."

Nina Kaloti-Atkinson found her new life after a relaxing holiday season. After 30 years climbing the corporate ladder in pharmaceuticals, the mum of two came up with an idea for a business after going on holiday to the Lake District with her husky cross Theodore. Now she runs personalised dog care brand FurFix.

Nina 49, from Northamptonshire, said: "On holiday, being away from the noise of work gave me space to think.

'You've one life, use it'

"Becoming a dog mum showed me just how confusing grooming and coat care really is.

"Shelves full of products, mixed advice, no clear guidance. I realised other owners must be feeling exactly the same way.

"For the first time, I wondered if I could use everything I'd learned in pharma – problem solving, strategy, innovation – to fix a problem in a completely different world.

"Driving home, I knew something had changed. I'd left as a woman defined by her corporate career. I came back imagining what might be possible.

"There was a little voice saying, 'You've got one life – use it'.

"So FurFix was born. Don't ignore the thoughts that only appear when your life gets quiet. They're often the ones you've been too busy to hear."

Jobs specialists suggest there are three key reasons for wanting to change jobs after a summer break.

Firstly, time away from the workplace gives employees space to evaluate work-life balance and unhappiness with current roles.

Secondly, many workplaces see a "post-summer slump" with employees feeling demotivated.

Finally, after a summer break in a new location or following hobbies or activities we enjoy, many of us – like Nina – consider starting a business that fits our interests.

BANK ON HOLIDAY TO MAKE THAT CHANGE

STUDIES show two in five staff struggle to get back into the September work routine, but if you want to look for a new role, here is advice from LinkedIn's Charlotte Davies.

- KNOW your skills: Your job title tells people what you did. Your skills tell them what you can do next.

By 2030, 70 per cent of your skills will have shifted, and communication and adaptability are climbing fast in importance. Get clear on what makes you different.

- START looking, quietly: Don't wait for the September "back to work" rush. Use the bank holiday to see what's out there. Message an old colleague. Ask a former mentor for a coffee. A thoughtful comment on someone's social post counts too.
- TRY something new: We now hold almost twice as many jobs in our careers compared to 15 years ago, so we can switch more easily. A short course or certification shows you prioritise personal growth.
- GO it alone: If the holiday daydream was starting your own business, experiment before you commit. A side project can give you valuable insight into whether it has real potential.
- GIVE your profile proper attention: Work on your CV and LinkedIn profile now. One that actually sounds like you and shows the skills you have will put you ahead before September starts.
- LEARN AI but don't lose yourself in it: AI skills are one of the fastest-growing job requirements. But the candidates who stand out pair that with something that AI can't do – building relationships, thinking creatively and reading a room.
- INVEST in relationships before you need them: Think about how you show up publicly. It's not how many connections you have but the value you create through those interactions. LinkedIn data shows applicants with an inside connection are five times more likely to get hired.

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ONE ECK OF A BILLY TRIBUTE

By GARY CARTER

IT JUST had to be the No 2 who dominated as Wigan and rugby league paid tribute to the late, great Sir Billy Boston.

In a match delayed until 8.02pm to honour the number Boston wore, current incumbent Zach Eckersley went in twice.

Matt Peet's men – who had 'Billy' on their shirts – brushed off a Hull KR side featuring just seven first-team regulars.

Harry Smith set up Liam Marshall and Jai Field before Eckersley's emotional first. Marshall made it a hat-trick on the opposite flank.

Wigan.....46
Hull KR.....0

And Eckersley sent Adam Keighran over to add to his seven goals for an 18-point haul as Jake Wardle also went in.

Warriors boss Peet said: "It was a fitting occasion for Billy.

"The fans and the people in the crowd who have had a sad week, we have a responsibility."

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CONFERENCE LEAGUE QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG

BRIGHTON (3) 4 TROMSO (0) 0
Kostoulas 22
De Cuyper 33
Wieffer 38
Boscagli 86
Brighton win 4-0 on agg.

FREIBURG (1) 4 MOTHERWELL (1) 1
Scherhant 6
Matanovic 60
Irie 63, Goto 85
Longelo 22
Freiburg win 7-2 on agg.

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 GENT (1) 3
Kerr 56
Passlack 77
Vergara 39
Burgess 84
Chaiwa 90 (og)
Gent win 3-2 on agg.

JABLONEC (0) 1 RANGERS (0) 0
Chanturishvili 73
AET: Score after 90 mins 1-0. Agg: 1-1.
Jablonec won 4-3 on penalties

KuPS 1 Shamrock Rovers 0 (KuPS win 2-1 on agg), Larne 0 Lincoln Red Imps 3 (AET: Score after 90 mins 0-2. Lincoln Red Imps win 3-2 on agg).

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

CHELSEA (0) 2 LUTON (0) 0
Welbeck 50
Odofin 79 (og)

FULHAM (2) 3 AFC WIMB'DN (0) 0
Smith Rowe 37
Rodrigo Muniz 42
Garcia 90
Att: 17,714

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL

BOREHAM W (0) 2 BOSTON UTD (1) 1
Rush 86, 89
Cursons 27

CRICKET

SECOND TEST
England v Pakistan
Lord's (day 1 close): England 248-9 (56.0 overs; J L Smith 61, J M Cox 55, Mohammad Abbas 4-56).

SECOND TEST
Sri Lanka v India
Colombo: India 503-9dec (138.0 overs; D B Padikkal 117; D C Jurel 115no; R R Pant 63; A M Fernando 4-106); Sri Lanka 290 (89.4 overs; S D Gamage 103; D P S Sooryabandara 80; M P Krishna 3-52; M J Suthar 3-85) & 429-9 (154.0 overs; S D Gamage 133no; D P S Sooriyabandara 92; P H K D Mendis 55; M J Suthar 3-121; R A Jadeja 3-94). **Match drawn.** India win series 1-0.

ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ONE
Essex v Surrey
Chelmsford: Surrey 183 (53.2 overs). 10-1 (4.1 overs).

Glamorgan v Hampshire
Sophia Gardens: Hampshire 162 (40.2 overs; J S Lehmann 51no). Glamorgan 111-7 (38.0 overs; B I Kellaway 57).

Sussex v Somerset
Hove: Somerset 202 (58.0 overs; T B Abell 72, C Overton 54; H T Crocombe 5-56). Sussex 77-2 (17.2 overs).

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: No play Thursday,

Yorkshire v Leicestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire 144-5 (52.5 overs; J H Wharton 70no).

DIVISION TWO
Derbyshire v Middlesex
Derby: No play Thursday

Durham v Gloucestershire
Riverside: Gloucestershire 137 (42.0 overs; J R Bracey 60; K L Aldridge 5-16). Durham 100-3 (26.0 overs; D G Bedingham 59no).

Northamptonshire v Kent
Northampton: Kent 154-0 (36 overs, Compton 51no, Crawley 82no).

Worcestershire v Lancashire
New Road: No play Thursday

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 6 (Alcossebre to Castelló, 177.4km) - 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 4h 12m 40s, 2 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team at the same time, 3 R Debruyne (Bel) Alpecin-Premier Tech +46s, 12 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +1m 38s. **Overall** - 1 Pogacar 15h 38m 27s, 2 Mas +3m 34s, 3 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +4:21, 7 Onley +5:37, 21 F Pickering (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +15:53. **Today, stage 7** (vall d'Alba to Aramón Valdelinares, 177.5km).

SNOOKER

WST WUHAN OPEN (China): **Qtr-finals** - X Zhao (Chn) bt N Robertson (Aus) 5-1, G Xiao (Chn) bt M Williams (Wal) 5-3, R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt M Selby (Eng) 5-3, B Chang (Chn) bt J Trump (Eng) 5-1.

GOLF

KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN (Dublin): **1st Rnd** (US unless stated) - **63** C Alexander (Rsa), **67** A Fanali (Ita), J Melichova (Cze), A Dawson Isle of Man, L May Humphreys, **68** S Kouskova (Cze), A Fuller, L Rydqvist (Swe), **69** K Arwefjaell (Swe), B Navarrosa (USA), P Urs (Ind), A Donegan, **70** L Harm (Ger), D Forbrigd (Nor), M Hinson-Tolchard (Aus), M Folke (Swe), A Foersterling (Ger), C Viden (Swe), G Clews.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

WIGAN (28) **46 HULL K R** (0) **0**
Wigan - Tries: Marshall (3), Field, Eckersley (2), Keighran, Wardle. Goals: Keighran (7).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	25	20	0	5	761	419	40
Leeds	24	19	0	5	850	362	38
Warrington	24	18	0	6	666	412	36
Wakefield	24	16	0	8	637	448	32
Leigh	24	16	0	8	570	438	32
Hull K R	25	15	0	10	700	461	30
St Helens	24	14	0	10	584	520	28
Catalans	24	9	0	15	475	718	18
Toulouse	24	8	0	16	492	630	16
Castleford	24	8	0	16	420	752	16
Hull	24	7	0	17	426	525	14
York	24	7	0	17	470	731	14
Huddsfield	24	6	0	18	425	695	12
Bradford	24	6	0	18	402	767	12

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - Sheffield 12 Widnes 8.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Mixed Doubles final** - K Muchova (Cze) & J Mensik (Cze) bt (4) B Bencic (Swi) & F Cobolli (Ita) 6-3 1-6 10-6.

ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN (North Carolina): **Qtr-finals** - B Bonzi (Fra) bt B van de Zandschulp (Ned) 7-6 (7-5) 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

PREMIER LEAGUE
Crystal Palace v Man City **8.0**
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Wrexham v Birmingham **8.0**
(Live on Sky Sports Football)

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
AFC Fylde v Forest Green.....
Aldershot v Harrogate Tn.....
Altrincham v FC Halifax.....
Barrow v Yeovil.....
Gateshead v Sutton Utd.....
Hartlepool v Eastleigh.....
Hornchurch v Woking.....
Scunthorpe v Solihull Moors.....
Southend v Kidderminster.....
Tamworth v Worthing.....
Wealdstone v Carlisle.....

ENTERPRISE NORTH: Hednesford Tn v Harborough Tn, Morecambe v AFC Telford, Oxford City v Buxton.

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP
Dunfermline v Raith.....**7.30**
(Live on BBC Scotland)

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO: Edinburgh City v Forfar.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL: Peterborough Sports v Anstey Nomads.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER: Burgess Hill Tn v Dartford.

NORTHERN PREMIER: Ashton Utd v Gainsborough Trinity, Cleethorpes Tn v Curzon Ashton, Guiseley v Lancaster City.

CRICKET
Second Test Match—day 2 of 5: England v Pakistan (Lord's, 11am).
First Twenty20 International: Namibia v South Africa (Windhoek, 1pm).
County Championship (day 2, 11am).

GOLF
Husqvarna British Masters (The Belfry Hotel & Resort, Sutton Coldfield).
USPGA Tour Championship (East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Georgia).
LIV Golf Michigan (The Cardinal at Saint John's).
LPGA FM Championship (TPC Boston, Norton, Massachusetts.).
KPMG Women's Irish Open (The K Club, Dublin).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League (8.0): Castleford v Catalans Dragons, Huddersfield v Leigh, St Helens v Leeds.
Betfred Women's Super League (5.15): St Helens v York Valkyrie.

TENNIS
US Open (Flushing Meadows, New York).
ATP Winston-Salem Open (Winston-Salem, North Carolina, United States).
WTA Monterrey Open (Mexico).

CRICKET SECOND TEST

Jordan Lord's it with Jamie

PAIR LEAD FIGHTBACK

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

JORDAN COX and Jamie Smith could be in a battle for one place in the England team — and there was little to separate them here.

Well, six runs to be precise.

Cox scored 55 and Smith 61 as the hosts recovered from a wobbly start on day one of the Second Test against Pakistan.

By the close at Lord's, on a day shortened by rain at the start and bad light near the end, Joe Root's side had recovered from 77-4 and reached 248-9.

With Jacob Bethell and Sam Curran both injured but likely to return to England's Test team in South Africa this winter, the likes of Cox and Smith are desperate to make a compelling case for inclusion.

Cox is filling Bethell's spot at No3 – and his scintillating strokeplay suggests he could become a significant Test player.

He can keep wicket, too, which is why many believe he should take Smith's job with the gloves.

Smith made a brilliant start to his international career but has regressed in the past year.

Yet few hit a ball as sweetly as the Surrey man. He was moved to No6 at the start of the summer but is now back at seven.

It will be a tricky dilemma for captain Root, incoming coach Stephen Fleming and chief selector Marcus North.

There are other possibilities, of course – such as Cox being promoted to open in place of Emilio Gay, who failed yesterday.

But the Cox v Smith debate will rage in the coming months.

One thing is certain, though – Cox and Smith are both better than Dan Lawrence.

No6 Lawrence was run out for 17 when Cox declined his optimistic call for a single.

Smith, 26, said: "I've gone through a bit of a lean period with the bat, whether I'm at six or seven. I've been trying to read situations better.

"I've known Jordan a long time, in age-group teams and England Under-19s. He's so confident and calm and doesn't get fazed."

As play began late at 12.20pm, Gay was caught from a tickle down legside for eight, Ben Duckett (17) was lbw on review and Root plumb leg before making just four.

Root's problems with the wicketkeeper standing up to the stumps are now a big issue.

After the Aussies tormented him last winter then New Zealand's Matt Henry earlier this summer, it was the excellent Mohammad Abbas here.

Root seems unable to escape the feeling of having to drop deeper in his crease with a 'keeper breathing down his neck.

Harry Brook was bowled by a nasty nipbacker from Mohammad Ali and, when Lawrence was run out, England were 120-5.

Cox and Smith went 93 balls without a boundary in the afternoon session – unheard of in the previous Bazball era – but England still averaged 4.43 runs.

Cox was caught at second slip. Smith and Ollie Robinson were both bowled by Ali and Jofra Archer was castled by Abbas.

ALI OOPS . . . England's Harry Brook gets bowled by Mohammad Ali

CARSE . . . with Ben Stokes

CHASING CARSE

BRYDON CARSE was in the wickets for Durham yesterday.

The seamer, dropped by England after being handcuffed outside a Derby pub, struck twice against Gloucestershire.

SCOREBOARD

Second Test
England v Pakistan
(Day 1 of 5)

LORD'S: England have scored 248 for nine wickets against Pakistan

ENGLAND: First Inns

B Duckett lbw Abbas	17
E Gay c Rizwan b Abbas	8
J Cox c Sub b Shahzad	55
J Root lbw Abbas	4
H Brook b Ali	15
D Lawrence run out	17
J Smith b Ali	61
G Atkinson not out	34
O Robinson b Ali	0
J Archer b Abbas	14
J Tongue not out	1
B2 lb10 nb10	22
Total (9 wkts, 56 overs)	**248**

Fall: 21, 26, 36, 77, 120, 187, 222, 222, 243.
Bowling: Abbas 15-3-56-4, Shahzad 15-0-79-1, Ali 17-2-67-3, Usman 9-1-34-0.
Umpires: A Paleker & P Reiffel.

GOOD WOOD

By JAMES CLARKE

TOMMY FLEETWOOD made a promising start to the defence of his Tour Championship title.

The Englishman, who won his first PGA Tour crown in last year's season-ending event, carded a four-under-par 66 at East Lake.

He eagled the par-five sixth to kickstart his round and added two birdies as he eyes the £7.3million prize for topping the FedEx standings.

Aussie Min Woo Lee leads on eight under, two shots clear of Viktor Hovland, Chris Gotterup and Collin Morikawa.

Rory McIlroy recovered from a poor start to card 68 and world No1 Scottie Scheffler had a 65.

Sport SHORT

AUDREY WERRO stormed to 800m victory at the Zurich Diamond League but the Swiss missed out on the world record.

European champion Werro's time of 1min 53.70sec did not beat Jarmila Kratochvilova's 1:53.28 in 1983.

Britain's Georgia Hunter Bell came third with a season-best 1:55.03.

JUDD DUMP

By ROB MAUL

JUDD TRUMP will be replaced as snooker's world No1 by Zhao Xintong.

The Juddernaut, 37, was shocked 5-1 by Chang Bingyu in the Wuhan Open quarter-finals yesterday.

Bristol potter Trump, 37, had to win the tournament to extend his two-year stay at the summit.

Bingyu, who was banned for two years after a match-fixing storm, faces Ronnie O'Sullivan in today's semi-finals.

China's 2025 world champ Xintong, 29, beat Aussie Neil Robertson 5-1 in a straight shootout for the top ranking.

Xintong said: "Being No1 was one of my dreams, so I'm extremely happy."

BOXING ITAUMA v HRGOVIC TOMORROW DAZN

BANTERWEIGHT

Moses shrugs off Hrgovic jibes as Brit starlet has eyes on the prize

STARE CASES . . . Brit ace Moses Itauma (left) and Filip Hrgovic

NO GLOVE LOST

Our hard-hitting boxing panel have their say on Itauma v Hrgovic

SCAN HERE TO WATCH

MOSES ITAUMA slammed Filip Hrgovic's trash talk as 'schoolboy banter'.

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

The 34-year-old Croat – a 2016 Olympic bronze winner – clashes with Itauma, 21, tomorrow at London's O2 Arena for the vacant IBF heavyweight world title.

None of Itauma's previous 14 victims dared to goad or rile-up the Kent southpaw sensation.

But Hrgovic has bucked the trend and slung a few insults in the build-up, labelling Itauma an untested hype job who he will 'send back to high school'.

Ice-cool Itauma refused to engage with the veteran at yesterday's press conference and soon shut down the host's attempts to stage a slanging match.

He said: "This is the fight I have wanted – and have asked for – for so long.

"I reckon I can thrive on the style match-up and the pressure.

"If I can't beat Hrgovic then all the noise doesn't matter. His talk is cheap, it's schoolboy banter.

"I am not engaging in the back-and-forth, my eyes are only focused on the target."

Hrgovic did his best to tease and taunt the undefeated Brit but failed to get a rise out of him.

The Zagreb visitor growled: "I am just telling you facts, I am not playing games. I am not smart enough to play mind games, I tell you what I think and I think he is a kid, I am the man.

"He is not mature enough, I am much more experienced and that's it, no mind games.

"I'll smash the kid on Saturday and send him back to high school.

"He has said he wants some props but I have come here to London, on his territory, to fight this kid everyone is avoiding.

"I've come here for a fight and – against all the odds – I believe in myself.

"I am fighting the guy they call the next Mike Tyson, so give me some props. I am going to smash the kid."

After the face-off Hrgovic remained on the stage to joke and jest about wetting himself through fear of the Chatham hero.

A win in South London will make Itauma the second youngest world heavyweight champion in history.

But he is sick of the story and has no interest in the accolade.

He said: "I am not trying to become the second youngest world champion after Tyson. I am just trying to beat Filip Hrgovic."

8-PAGE BIG-FIGHT PULLOUT COMING TOMORROW

It's a Fery tough opener

FERY . . . tricky start

WIMBLEDON hero Arthur Fery has been handed a nightmare US Open draw against the world No14 Lorenzo Musetti.

By JAKE SANDERS

Fery, who enjoyed a dream run to the SW19 semi-finals this summer, faces the Italian in his first match at Flushing Meadows.

Brit No1 Cameron Norrie is up against France's Luca Van Assche, while Jan Choinski takes on Holland's world No 71 Botic van de Zandschulp.

Katie Boulter has been drawn against American wildcard Carol Young Suh Lee, ranked 143.

Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz will launch his title defence against Russia's Roman Safiullin in what will be his first appearance since recovering from a wrist injury sustained in April.

In the absence of injured world No1 Jannik Sinner, Wimbledon finalist Alexander Zverev is the men's top seed in New York. He faces Italy's Lorenzo Sonego.

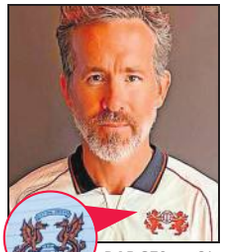
TOMORROW

BRITAIN'S YOUNGEST EVER HEAVYWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION AWAITS

MOSES DAZN HRGOVIC

WITNESS HISTORY

LIVE EXCLUSIVELY ON DAZN SATURDAY FIGHT×NIGHT



BADGES . . . O's (left) & Wrexham

O's crest copy row

By VIC HOLLY

RYAN REYNOLDS and Rob McElhenney have been slammed by Leyton Orient for copying their badge.

The celebrity owners of Wrexham can be seen modelling their club's new third kit on its website.

But the badge has caused a storm — particularly in East London.

Instead of the normal crest, Wrexham have used two wyverns — or dragons — facing each other over a ball, looking much like the crest Orient introduced in 1976 to mark links with the City of London and the Thames.

Orient said on social media: "What you playing at @VancityReynolds @RMcElhenney?", with a video of Roy Hodgson using colourful language.

Sav it for next time

By JOSHUA HALL

BEN DAVIES might have prevented new Spurs star Savio notching a debut double but he believes there are plenty more goals coming.

Savio, 22, scored a fine strike in Wednesday's 5-1 Carabao Cup thumping of Charlton — a day after his £85million move from Manchester City.

He thought he had a second moments later but his shot went in off Davies.

Defender Davies, 33, said: "He was a bit disappointed but it is my goal.

"We are really excited about what we've seen so far. He has shown he is a top, top player."

Ander to play free

By PHIL CADDEN

ANDER HERRERA has returned to his boyhood club Real Zaragoza to play for FREE.

The former Manchester United midfielder, 37, has joined the Spanish third tier side from Boca Juniors on a free transfer.

Herrera spent five years at Old Trafford between 2014-2019 — winning the Europa League, FA Cup and League Cup.

The two-cap Spain star said: "I had a successful career and I've taken care of my money. This is the last dream that I wanted to make come true.

"To come back home, the place where I grew up.

"The place that gave me the opportunity to be a professional. We say in Spain 'to close the circle'."

Jack Keene

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF SPORT

Farke side of the gloom

STACH OF THE NET . . . Anton hits winner for Leeds at Forest in the Prem

DAN NOW DOING STELLAR JOB

JUST nine months ago, manager Daniel Farke and his Leeds side were on the brink.

They were in the process of losing to Aston Villa when a fan climbed out of the stands and walked into the technical area to confront the German.

The Whites were in the relegation zone and looked doomed to go straight back down, while boss Farke was odds-on to get the sack.

Now look at them.

Back-to-back wins at Nottingham Forest to start the season, their fans serenading them with 'oles' at the City Ground as they put the hosts in their place for the second time in four days.

After years of turbulence and a sense that, even when things were going well, a disaster was never far away, everything feels weirdly serene at Elland Road.

Leeds are finally looking up and there cannot have been this much optimism around the club since the turn of the century.

They aren't even in the conversation for relegation this year, so where has this unlikely turnaround come from?

For Farke, the dugout invader must have put a real rocket up his backside, so much so that in the next game he ripped up his usual gameplan at half-time at the Etihad on November 29.

They were lucky to be just 2-0 down at the break but he changed tactics, went to a 5-3-2 and they came out like a side possessed, drawing level only to lose to a 90th-minute Phil Foden winner for Manchester City.

Farke supposedly had two games to save his job after the Villa defeat, but they lost just five of their remaining 25 matches in the league as they eased clear of trouble. Now it looks like the club, and Farke, are poised for a much-needed spell of stability.

Because the Leeds gaffer's previous couple of forays into the Prem were an absolute shower.

Twice he guided Norwich to the Championship title, and in their two seasons back in the top flight they amassed a combined 43 points. That ain't going to cut it.

He was spared the chop first time round, when they finished bottom with a pathetic 21 points, but at the second attempt he only lasted until November.

And Leeds haven't been a whole lot better.

After their swashbuckling first season back under Marcelo Bielsa, they survived by the skin of their teeth the following year before plummeting back down to the second tier in 2023.

Things weren't great, but it was still a far cry from the absolute nightmare that engulfed the club in 2002, when Peter Ridsdale spent lavishly and took out a huge loan that he was unable to repay.

They had to sell off the family silver to keep the club afloat and soon spiralled out of the Prem in 2004 and into a financial meltdown.

For years they were a joke, a huge club which had been utterly run into the ground.

But things look so promising right now that even the jailing for two days of their co-owner Jed York, 46, for soliciting prostitution over in the US can't throw them off track.

In years gone by, that sort of scandal might have caused chaos at a club whose ownership situation had long been volatile, but it's a strange new world we are living in.

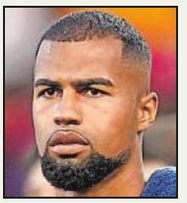
The chances they will ever recapture some of their former glories are, in this day and age, next to zero.

They fully earned their Dirty Leeds nickname back in the 60s and 70s, with Norman Hunter, Billy Bremner and Co kicking lumps out of teams, but they were the dominant force for a decade.

Those days are long gone, but they have recruited shrewdly this summer and have every right to start dreaming about a push for Europe and a new era of glory in Yorkshire.

For the club and their boss, that would be one hell of a turnaround.

TO ELLAND BACK . . . boss Farke (right) and angry fan



SANCHEZ . . . gaffes

S-MART MOVE?

CHELSEA have spent billions on new players during the BlueCo era.

Yet it has taken them four years to realise that, actually, maybe it would be quite a good idea to get a decent goalkeeper.

But agreeing a deal to sign Emi Martinez to replace walking gaffe machine Robert Sanchez is not the killer move fans have been gagging for.

Martinez has looked on quite a sharp decline himself recently.

When it comes down to the crunch at the end of the year, their failure to source a top stopper will undoubtedly come back to bite them on the backside.

JUL BE SORRY

ONE place you don't want to be is on the wrong side of Atletico Madrid fans.

Long-term Arsenal target Julian Alvarez is in the eye of a storm after publicly stating his "dream" is to move to Barcelona.

Atletico refused to negotiate with the LaLiga champions and it was no real surprise he got dog's abuse from the home crowd at the weekend.

You feel sorry for him — but it's clear he has been badly advised.

It should serve as a lesson to every st-stirring football agent and clinger-on out there.**

Whether they learn is another matter.

TOO HOT TO TROT

THE stifling hot summer is having a real knock-on effect for horse racing.

Flat and summer jumping racecourses have been regularly watering their turf to keep racing on.

But winter jumps courses have been unable to get the hosepipes out.

It means tracks like Cheltenham currently look like barren wastelands, completely parched and are totally unraceable with the start of the season a little over a month away.

The British Horseracing Authority is currently working on emergency contingency plans. But there is a very real risk the jumps season could be significantly delayed.

VILLA NAB GORETZKA

ASTON VILLA clinched the free transfer signing of Leon Goretzka.

The midfielder makes the switch after eight years at Bayern Munich.

German Goretzka, 31, won seven Bundesliga titles and the Champions League during his time in Bavaria.

He will provide cover for Belgian Amadou Onana, who is set to miss the rest of the season after suffering an ACL injury at the World Cup.

Goretzka said: "I'm really looking forward to playing in big games every few days — probably the biggest difference to the Bundesliga."

DEL'S GLAS HALF FULL

LIAM DELAP reckons Nottingham Forest manager Oliver Glasner can get the best out of him.

The striker, 23, hopes to get his career back on track after joining Forest in a £50million deal.

Delap scored just one Premier League goal for Chelsea last term.

But he said: "I spoke to the manager and like his way, he can be the one to really help me develop.

"Hopefully I can bring goals here — I can't wait to hear the noise at the City Ground and have the fans on my side."

GAKPO . . . could leave

BAR

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know we cannot talk of players that — right now — are not ours.

"But it is evident we are trying to improve or fill that position as we don't have the numbers.

"I hope we can have good news soon but we are still not there."

France international Barcola scored 13 goals with seven assists in all competitions last term.

His arrival could see Cody Gakpo depart Anfield, with Tottenham keen on the Dutchman.

Gakpo started and scored in Reds' 2-2 draw at Newcastle on Sunday.

Iraola said: "I hope we can keep him at that level but with the market open, and near 30 players, you can't guarantee anything."

Liverpool are eyeing another winger, having seen bids rejected for Brighton's Yankuba Minteh and Crystal Palace's Ismaila Sarr.

Attacking Omen

OMAR MARMOUSH can take Tottenham's attack to "another level", says boss Roberto De Zerbi.

By JAKE SANDERS

The Egyptian, 27, arrives from Manchester City on a season-long loan with a £60million obligation to buy following just 19 months at the Etihad.

He becomes the second City star to join the club this week following Savio, who marked his debut with a goal in Wednesday's 5-1 Carabao Cup second-round victory over Charlton.

And De Zerbi said: "Omar is exactly the kind of player we want at this club – ambitious, hungry and determined to make a difference.

"He has incredible attacking quality but what I also love is his desire to improve and win.

"He brings pace, intelligence and a real threat in front of goal. He can take our attacking play to another level."

Marmoush joined City from Eintracht Frankfurt in January 2025 but has generally played second fiddle to Erling Haaland.

The forward made just eight Prem starts last season.

He scored 16 goals for the Etihad club overall – seven of which came against Newcastle, who are Tottenham's opponents tomorrow evening.

Marmoush, who hit a hat-trick against Toon in 2025, said: "It feels amazing to be here. I'm so excited to get started with the team and I can't wait to meet the fans.

"Tottenham Hotspur is one of the biggest clubs in England, if not the world, and the project was very attractive to me.

"I've spoken with the head coach, I loved what he had to say and I'm sure our passion for the game will go very well together."

YES, MARM . . . Marmoush cannot wait to play for Spurs

BLUES AGREE HONEST DEAL

By JACK ROSSER

CHELSEA agreed a £40million deal to sign Honest Ahanor — taking their summer spending past £380m.

Ahanor, 18, has been cleared to travel for a medical by Atalanta after agreeing personal terms with the Blues.

The defender will be the second arrival from the Italian club after Marco Palestra's £47m move as Xabi Alonso's first signing of the summer.

Ahanor has played just 41 games in senior football but already boasts two international caps for Italy.

He featured in Atalanta's 2-1 Champions League victory over Chelsea back in December.

NEWS TICKER

WREXHAM captured Issa Kabore on a three-year deal from Manchester City after his loan spell.

The Burkina Faso wing-back, 25, joined for £2million. The Welsh club also recruited Gabon defender Jacques Ekomie, 23, from French side Angers.

FIORENTINA are frontrunners to sign Manchester United forward Joshua Zirkzee on a season-long loan.

Zirkzee, 25, has made one start for Michael Carrick and scored just two Prem goals in 20 months.

United want a loan fee and full coverage of Zirkzee's £100,000-a-week wages for the entire season.

IPSWICH sealed the £23million signing of Bayer Leverkusen's World Cup-winner Exequiel Palacios.

The Argie midfielder, 27, said: "This club has great ambition. I'm excited to play in England and compete against some of the best in the world."

YOU'VE SCOTT NO CHANCE!

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

MARCO ROSE is "120 per cent confident" Alex Scott will still be a Bournemouth player at the end of the transfer window.

Chelsea are chasing the England midfielder and saw a £64million bid rejected ahead of Tuesday's deadline.

Scott, 23, has less than two years left on his Cherries contract and has turned down a new deal.

But boss Rose said: "Alex knows what he has got from this club. I'm not just confident, I'm 120 per cent sure Alex will be here next week when the window closes.

"He is keen to play another season and he's still young enough to take big steps because I see no ceiling in his capabilities."

Hull's top Choice

HULL have signed Nice forward Mohamed-Ali Cho for £11million.

The Frenchman, 22, becomes the 12th summer signing for the Prem new boys.

Cho, who spent time at Everton's academy as a youngster, said: "I'm looking forward to helping the team as soon as possible.

"I'm excited to experience this league — it's the best in the world.

"And I'm really happy to be back in the UK and close to my family."

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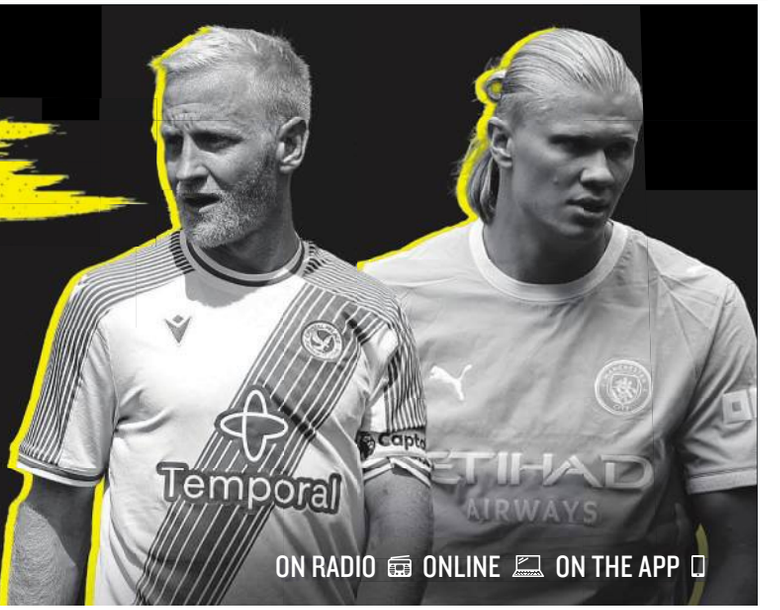

ON RADIO ONLINE ON THE APP

SAGE ADVICE FOR 'GOD' CHERKI

By SIMON COLLINGS

PIERRE SAGE was once described as a "genius" by Manchester City midfielder Rayan Cherki.

But if that is the case, then the Crystal Palace boss believes Cherki must be referred to as God.

The pair worked together during Sage's two years as Lyon chief from 2023 to 2025.

And Cherki's form then earned him his £35million move to City last summer.

Any bond between the duo will be put to one side tonight, though, when they are reunited as Enzo Maresca's City side head to Selhurst Park in the league.

Sage said: "I am not a genius – he is a genius because to speak about something, to teach something, is a step.

"But to do these things is another step. He is at this level.

"If I am a genius, then he is . . . I don't know the word for higher than a genius. Maybe God?

"To control him, the best thing is to prevent all the passes to him, because when he has the ball he is able to do things we don't imagine.

"I prefer him to be on the bench. I like him, but I prefer him near to me rather than on the pitch."

Sage may want Cherki to be a sub tonight – but he will surely start after coming off the bench to set up both goals as City came from behind to beat Bournemouth last weekend.

HAPPY DAYS . . . Cherki with Sage at Lyon and (left) enjoying life at Manchester City

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Brainbox-to-box midfielder

BOU MOON . . . City's Bouaddi pens 5-year deal

ENZO: INTELLIGENT BOUADDI CAN BE BIG STAR

ENZO MARESCA says Ayyoub Bouaddi has the brains to become a Manchester City superstar.

By KEN LAWRENCE

The Etihad chief is convinced 18-year-old midfielder Bouaddi – the Prem's most-expensive teenager following his £85.6million move from Lille – has an old head on his young shoulders.

And following talks with the lad's dad, Hassan, Maresca believes City have splashed out big money on not only a highly rated talent but a kid who has the intelligence to cope with all the pressure.

Italian Maresca revealed: "I met the family at the training ground and spoke to his dad a week ago.

"You could see then that in terms of his presence and his intelligence, he looks very good.

"He can be a top player, no doubt, but we need to help him to be on the right path and show him in this team where to be in the right moment. There will be pressure on him. For most of us, we judge players on how much is paid, unfortunately, but we have no doubts about him."

In helping Morocco reach this summer's quarter-finals, Bouaddi became the first African teenager to make five World Cup appearances, at the age of 18 years and 280 days.

He is seen by Maresca *(right)* as Rodri's replacement at City, where he will play the holding role in midfield.

And like Spain's World Cup-winning captain – who balanced his playing career at Villarreal and City with university studies – chess-loving Bouaddi is working on a maths degree.

Maresca believes Bouaddi's outside interests only prove how bright he is for someone so young – on the park as well as off it. The former Leicester and Chelsea manager added: "He's an 'old' midfielder.

"He knows the right balance between attacking and defending, gives the right balance to a team and when the team has the ball, he is in the right position.

"He's very intelligent, even if he is just 18 and there is no doubt he is going to be a fantastic player for this club, now and in the future.

"Again, he is 18 and you never know how long they need to adapt but absolutely, 100 per cent, he is older in the head than his years."

Bouaddi completed his move on Wednesday for an initial £81.4m and signed a five-year deal at the Etihad.

But it is unlikely he will be involved in tonight's Premier League clash at Crystal Palace.

Although Maresca did admit: "He is ready. He was working with his former club, so he is fit and we will see how long the adaptation takes.

"But for sure, he is ready to go. He is quite calm. He doesn't look 18.

"He already looks mature but still we need to go slowly because he is very young, coming from different countries.

"So, no rush for him. He's going to help us now and in the future.

"I think he will be able to handle the pressure on his shoulders and it's my job and the club's to try not to put pressure on him.

"We know that he's young and he needs time."

Maresca will bring back £116m club-record signing Elliot Anderson for the Selhurst Park clash after the England midfielder limped off in the 63rd minute of Sunday's 2-1 home win over Bournemouth.

The 46-year-old, who replaced legendary coach Pep Guardiola in the summer, added: "He's fit, he suffered only from cramp."

ALONSO . . . victory

SIGHT

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look to replace Robert Sanchez — who was benched for last night's second-round tie in favour of Mike Penders.

Martinez is set to pen a two-year deal with the option for a third.

Ex-Chelsea chief Enzo Maresca has hinted he wants £120m-rated Fernandez, 25, at City.

In his absence the Blues won thanks to Welbeck's header and an own goal from Hakeem Odoffin to book a date with Leeds.

But boss Xabi Alonso denied reports Fernandez had asked not to play.

He said: "No, no, it was my decision and the club's.

"We assess individually, collectively, what is best for the team.

"We had other players that needed minutes. Enzo is a good professional. He is training well, I have nothing to say about him."

Asked if he sees more departures, Alonso said: "You never know. In football there are surprises. You need to be ready."

Maresca wants extra experience and leadership at City after losing Rodri, Bernardo Silva, John Stones and Nathan Ake.

World Cup finalist Fernandez fits that bill and

There are surprises. You need to be ready – XABI ALONSO

Maresca said: "We have four or five days to see if we can add more leaders."

Maresca has named Erling Haaland and Ruben Dias as captains but he added: "We already have experienced players but let's see if we can add more captains. It's a young squad."

Elliot Anderson, 23, joined for £116m from Nottingham Forest and fellow midfielder Ayyoub Bouaddi, 18, arrived as the Prem's most expensive teen in an £86.5m buy from Lille.

Tijjani Reijnders headed to Al-Qadsiah for £51m, Nico Gonzalez joined Newcastle for £52m, Savio went to Tottenham for £85m, while Barcelona did a £65m deal for Rodri.

Striker Omar Marmoush will again team up with Savio, formerly Savinho, on loan at Spurs and Jack Grealish has clubs circling.

On Grealish, Maresca said: "Jack is here until the day that he's not here.

"It's my duty to help him to give us the best and we'll see what happens."

City missed Chelsea's August 14 deadline for Fernandez bids but are now ready to stump up for the ace, who cost £106m from Benfica in January 2023.

CARABAO CUP 2ND RND ACTION

WELTIMED

Debutant Dan arrives on cue to settle Blues

Chelsea.....2
Luton.....0

By DAN KING

ALL'S Wel that ends well as a debut goal for Chelsea's new veteran striker set them on the road to victory.

Luton boss Jack Wilshere was hoping not to face any of the Blues front three who had torn Fulham apart on Monday night.

But although Cole Palmer and Morgan Rogers both started, it was Danny Welbeck, 35, who set Xabi Alonso's team on their way, despite League One Luton frustrating the Blues with a goalless first half.

Welbeck, in for Joao Pedro, scored an old-fashioned centre-forward's goal just after half-time, heading in a Malo Gusto cross.

And another of Alonso's attacking options, Brazilian teenager Estevao, 19, killed off this Carabao Cup tie by forcing a Hakeem Odoffin own goal.

Former Manchester United and Arsenal forward Welbeck, who joined from Brighton in the summer for a bargain £5million, said: "It was very special. We had to remain patient and I got on the end of one.

"I'm feeling really good. It's a privilege to play for such a club. I'm really excited for the project."

And boss Alonso encouraged more support from the Stamford Bridge faithful to help achieve those aims.

He said: "We knew it would not be easy. I'm happy with the energy and attitude of the players.

"We need the crowd for the whole season."

Wilshere's Luton side defended deep and doggedly. But they had neither enough possession, nor cutting edge when they did have the ball, to make their moneybags hosts sweat.

It was a comfortable night on the pitch for Chelsea, on a day with plenty of action off it, too.

Things are rarely as they seem at Stamford Bridge. Alonso had said wantaway Enzo Fernandez would be involved. He wasn't.

The Blues had insisted all summer they were happy with their goalkeepers. They were not.

Before poor Mike Penders, 21, could even make his competitive debut, news broke Chelsea had sealed a deal to bring in Emi Martinez to replace Robert Sanchez after the Spaniard's horror show at Fulham.

With one Argentinian absent and another not yet arrived, there was still someone for Luton's fans to boo.

Valentin Barco, who earned a clip round the ear from England's Jude Bellingham after the World Cup semi-final, made his first appearance and his every touch was jeered.

Just as Chelsea fans were becoming accustomed to their team playing in new manager Alonso's favoured 3-4-2-1 formation, he took the opportunity to experiment.

Palmer and Rogers formed an attacking trident with Estevao behind Welbeck.

And at times they were a blur of movement and neat touches. Palmer forced a double save from Josh Keeley, then backheeled a free-kick to Reece James, whose shot was pushed away acrobatically. After Luton posed a brief threat which ended with a Benny Benagr shot being blocked, Barco played in Estevao, who fired wide.

Shortly before the break, the Brazilian crossed for Rogers but his volley came back off the bar.

But the deadlock was broken five minutes after the restart. Gusto had too much time to cross and Welbeck was given room to head home.

Welbeck fired wide from a Palmer through-ball. The Chelsea No10, oozing confidence in front of watching England boss Thomas Tuchel, then clipped the bar with a 20-yard effort – before Alonso sent on Pedro to give Welbeck a rest.

Palmer played in Estevao and his shot seemed off target but Odoffin could not stop himself helping it into the net on 79 minutes. Jamie Gittens hit the post in injury time.

Hatters gaffer Wilshere said: "Proud is the word that comes to mind. I loved how disciplined and focused we were."

Welbeck will surely be back on the bench for the visit of his former club Brighton on Sunday.

But he showed he has more than just experience to add to Alonso's youthful squad.

BOY DAN GOOD . . . Danny Welbeck emphatically heads Chelsea 1-0 ahead

MATCH STATS

CHELSEA		LUTON
26	SHOTS	7
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
66%	POSSESSION	34%
694	PASSES	364
641	COMPLETED PASSES	295
45	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	10
9	CORNERS	3
11	FOULS CONCEDED	6
0/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0
	MATCH TIME: 95m 27s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 62m 32s	

MUNIZ DROUGHT OVER

By CHARLIE GORDON

Fulham.....3
Wimbledon.....0

RODRIGO MUNIZ finally broke his year-long goal drought to give Alvaro Arbeloa a first win.

Fulham chief Arbeloa is set for tougher tests than League One's Wimbledon.

But this comfortable Carabao Cup victory over a fellow London side will bank the Spaniard some early credit with the fans.

The former Real Madrid boss made ten changes to the side that lost 3-2 to Chelsea on Monday.

Muniz is battling £34million ex-Bernabeu star Gonzalo Garcia – who scored the third in injury time – for the No9 shirt.

And ending a dry spell which stretched back to last season's opening weekend will have helped as Fulham teed up a third-round trip to West Ham.

Arbeloa said: "It's a big moment for Rodrigo. Very important for strikers to score, he's working hard.

"We have very good but very different strikers with him and Gonzalo. But we need both and they will be very important for us.

"They both scored and are so happy now in the dressing room."

Emile Smith Rowe grabbed the opener after 37 minutes of the first competitive meeting between the sides. Five minutes later, Kenny Tete's cross was powered into the far corner by Muniz.

Smith Rowe went close again a minute into the second half, firing a half-volley just over the bar.

Dons' Myles Hippolyte tried his luck from long range shortly afterwards and that was as good as it got for Johnnie Jackson's men.

DON FOR . . . Smith Rowe puts Fulham 1-0 ahead

CONFERENCE LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS, 2nd LEG

WIEFFER . . . on target

Wieffer's flocked 'n loaded

Brighton.....4
Tromso.....0

Brighton win 4-0 on agg

By ISABELLE BARKER

MATS WIEFFER flapped his arms like a seagull in celebration as he helped secure Brighton's Conference League spot.

Tromso fans cheekily trolled the hosts before the match with chants of "we've got bigger seagulls than you".

But Wieffer silenced the visitors as he added to strikes from Charalampos Kostoulas and Maxim De Cuyper, before Olivier Boscagli notched No4.

Brighton boss Fabian Hurzeler said: "Very happy for the players, the fans.

"They created another great atmosphere, it was energetic, very special.

"Now we're grateful for this opportunity. We know it will be a big challenge we have to face but we seem to be ready."

Albion will discover their league phase opponents in today's draw in Monaco.

The first leg finished 0-0 on a plastic 3G pitch between Brighton's £200million squad and the £13.2m Norwegians.

Kostoulas, 19, broke the deadlock on 22 minutes with a fierce drive, De Cuyper slotted in another low effort and Wieffer hit a peach of a half-volley.

Brighton fans began chanting "are you Villa in disguise?" in a nod to their 4-0 thrashing in their Prem opener.

And the match was done and dusted when Boscagli netted on 86 minutes.

McInnes and outs

Jablonec.....1
Rangers.....0

Agg 1-1, Jablonec win 4-3 pens

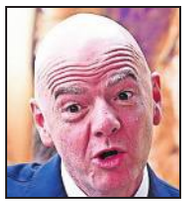
RANGERS were dumped out of Europe by Czech minnows Jablonec.

The Ibrox club were beaten on the night to send the play-off tie to extra-time, before losing 4-3 on penalties.

Findlay Curtis blazed over from 12 yards while team-mate James Penrice saw his effort saved.

Under-fire boss Derek McInnes has won just two of his seven games in charge since joining from Hearts in the summer.

And Rangers will now have no group-stage European football for the first time since 2017.



INFANTINO . . . heat

Uefa's jail threat bid to oust Infantino

From MARTIN LIPTON

UEFA stepped up their war with Fifa by threatening "criminal proceedings" against Gianni Infantino — and a potential FIVE-YEAR jail sentence.

Euro chiefs lodged a 60-page legal filing in America, with Infantino in the firing line over his now-dropped plan to sell off a stake in the World Cup.

As part of the threat to invoke Swiss criminal law, Uefa legal representatives argued Infantino's scheme to flog a 20 per cent stake in Fifa tournaments for £3.1billion was an "absurdly low" figure.

The papers were filed in the US District Court in Miami, which has jurisdiction for Fifa's US base in Coral Gables.

Uefa are aiming to scare Infantino into quitting because of the potential threat, rather than fight for re-election in March.

The paperwork states that the valuation as part of the "Fifa Forward Enterprises" sell-off was "neither the product of an open, competitive auction, nor tested by an independent valuer".

Deadline by Infantino & his cronies was 53 days — UEFA LAWYERS

It states Uefa are "contemplating" Swiss criminal proceedings "against Infantino and other Fifa officials", citing "criminal mismanagement", which could result in a five-year prison sentence.

Infantino pulled the scheme — which gave Fifa's 211 member nations just a few weeks to sign up for a proposed £30million payment over four years — after a global backlash.

But the Uefa filing, which refers to "Infantino and his cronies", argues his offer was no more than an "inducement" to accept his potentially fraudulent scheme.

Uefa lawyers wrote: "Infantino tried to force the members to consider this inducement on a compressed timetable.

"The response deadline set by Infantino and his cronies was September 19, 2026, a window of approximately 53 days."

Euro chiefs will rally behind a replacement, who must be proposed to stand in the March elections by mid-November.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOCUS

GUNNER

Arteta & Co's tough task to banish Budapest pain

THE TEAMS

POT 1
- PSG
- Bayern Munich
- Real Madrid
- Liverpool
- Inter Milan
- Man City
- Arsenal
- Barcelona
- Atletico Madrid

POT 2
- B Dortmund
- Roma
- Sporting CP
- Aston Villa
- Porto
- Man Utd
- Club Brugge
- Real Betis
- PSV

POT 3
- Feyenoord
- Lille
- Bodo/Glimt
- Napoli
- RB Leipzig
- Villarreal
- Fenerbahce
- Shakhtar Donetsk
- Galatasaray

POT 4
- Slavia Prague
- Slovan Bratislava
- VfB Stuttgart
- AEK Athens
- LASK
- Como
- Lens
- Viking
- Sabah

WHO ENGLISH SIDES WILL PLAY

(Dates & order of games to be released tomorrow)

ARSENAL
- Real Madrid (h)
- Bayern Munich (a)
- B Dortmund (h)
- Real Betis (a)
- Lille (h)
- Napoli (a)
- Sabah (h)
- Slavia Prague (a)

ASTON VILLA
- PSG (h)
- Barcelona (a)
- B Dortmund (h)
- Club Brugge (a)
- Fenerbahce (h)
- Galatasaray (a)
- Viking (h)
- Slavia Prague (a)

LIVERPOOL
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SO CLOSE . . . Arteta's pain after 2026 final

THE HEARTBREAK from Budapest lingers on, a nagging pain that the summer has not dispelled.

No matter how much Mikel Arteta tries to pretend otherwise.

And if Arsenal are going to go one step further and triumph in Madrid on June 5, they will have to do it the hard way.

Not only Vinicius Junior, Jose Mourinho, Jude Bellingham and the rest of Real Madrid's superstars at the Emirates – a night when Gunners fans will come face to face with what they "could have won" if they had landed their prime summer target.

But also Harry Kane, looking to do to Arsenal what he has done time and time again, alongside Michael Olise on their Bavarian home soil.

Arteta's men finally ended their run of domestic near-misses by outlasting Pep Guardiola and Manchester City on the run-in last term, a title triumph that sent thousands out celebrating on the streets of North London.

From MARTIN LIPTON in MONACO

Yet European glory, in any form, has eluded the Gunners since 1994, when they lifted a trophy that no longer exists, the Cup Winners' Cup.

Even winning all eight league phase matches last year, which gave them second-leg home advantage all through the knockout stage, only led to the ultimate disappointment on the grandest stage.

Memories of losing on penalties in the Hungarian capital in May would only have intensified when Paris Saint-Germain skipper Marquinhos was given Uefa's Respect Award for his magnanimous gesture after Gabriel's spot-kick soared over the bar to hand the French side the trophy for the second successive time.

Gunners legend Thierry Henry, in the Arsenal side which lost the 2006 final to Barcelona and who received the Uefa President's Prize before the draw, accepted the heat was now on Arteta's side.

Henry, 49, said: "Two years ago it was the semi-final. Last year the final. So this season, it has to be to win – that's all you need to do now.

"I'm not here to tell Mikel what he has to do. He has kept that core, understood what the players need, and seen what was missing to make the final step.

"They understood what was needed to win in the Premier League. There is a balance to the team, a clear idea

ON ELITE EURO DRAW

BE HARD

HUNGARY FOR MORE . . . gutted Arsenal stars after losing to PSG in Budapest in May — this year they aim to go one better in Madrid

of how to play and what they need to do to win it for the first time."

Arsenal's other games — the full fixture list will be published by Uefa tomorrow — will see them host Dortmund, French side Lille and Azerbaijan Euro rookies Sabah. They were only founded in 2017 and are based 3,000 miles from London on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

The Gunners will also travel to Seville to face Real Betis, Naples to take on Napoli and Prague for a clash against Slavia.

You would certainly put a few bob on Arteta's side finishing in the top eight that automatically qualify for the last 16 without going through February's play-off round.

Indeed, last season five of England's six representatives were in that elite group, with Newcastle narrowly missing out. It may be tougher this time, with Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Aston Villa facing some tough games in the first phase.

Villa, coming to terms with losing more than half the team that started last season's Europa League final win over Freiburg, have an early rematch with PSG, potentially a month after losing to Luis Enrique's side in the Super Cup final.

Like Manchester City, Villa have to go to Barcelona as well as hosting the holders.

They also face a double dose of Turkish delight, or despair, travelling to Istanbul to face Galatasaray and then hosting Fenerbahce.

City's revamp under Enzo Maresca — unlikely to finish before the last hours of the transfer window on Tuesday — will also be tested, with director of football Hugo Viana responding: "We are really happy to face Barcelona with Rodri there.

"We're happy to see him and Kevin De Bruyne again, at Napoli, after we played them last year."

For United, the return to the top table brings Old Trafford meetings with Bayern, Roma, Leipzig and Sabah, plus a trip to face Cesc Fabregas' competition new-boys Como.

Liverpool, third in the league phase 12 months ago under Arne Slot but then comprehensively eliminated by PSG at the quarter-final stage, will also be eyeing a June return to the Metropolitano, where they beat Spurs 2-0 in the 2019 final.

Andoni Iraola has been handed a swift reunion with Curtis Jones and Inter, with Atletico Madrid their Anfield top seed opponents.

Their away games also include a return to Turkey to face Fenerbahce.

Bridge will get Real Spanish makeover

STAMFORD BRIDGE is set to be transformed into Madrid upon Thames — with 30,000 Spaniards looking to enjoy a Champions League jolly.

From MARTIN LIPTON

Chelsea's failure to qualify for Europe after last season's dismal tenth-place finish saw them agree to let Shakhtar Donetsk stage their four 'home' games in SW6.

The Ukrainians had to abandon the Donbas Arena after Russia's 2022 invasion and have been playing in Poland, Germany and Slovenia.

And last night Shakhtar were handed a clash with European football's greatest powerhouse — and Chelsea's three-time Prem-winning boss — after being drawn to host Real Madrid.

The game will see Blues icon Jose Mourinho *(left)* returning to the Bridge.

With Uefa ticketing rules meaning Donetsk can effectively sell as many 'away' tickets as they want, it could see a full house of Los Blancos fans.

Shakhtar will also face Mason Greenwood's Fenerbahce, Sporting Lisbon and AEK Athens in West London.

VINI COMING

From Back Page

meet-up with his former Manchester City team-mates following his £65.4million move to Barcelona.

Enzo Maresca's side also face another Etihad legend when Kevin De Bruyne and Napoli come to town.

In 23 matches against Arsenal in his various jobs with Chelsea, Manchester United and Spurs, Special One Jose has lost just **THREE** times.

Now back for his second spell at the Bernabeu, the Portuguese will be certain to play mind games over Vini Jr's decision to snub Arteta.

Playing Kane's Bayern in the Allianz will be a huge test of Arsenal's ability to take on Europe's best once again.

The England captain scored 14 goals in 17 games against them for bitter rivals Tottenham and netted for Bayern at the Emirates in 2024.

Manchester United's return after three seasons features a home clash with Bayern and a trip to Italians Como, who are managed by former Gunner Cesc Fabregas *(inset)*.

Midfielder Curtis Jones — who only left Liverpool last week — gets the chance to face his old team with Inter Milan.

Aston Villa lost 2-1 to PSG in the Super Cup final and host the French giants, as well as Mason Greenwood's Fenerbahce.

It would be the striker's first game on English soil since he was suspended by United in January 2022.

Greenwood was charged with attempted rape, controlling and coercive behaviour and assault.

He denied all the allegations and charges were dropped in February 2023.

OLD RIVAL . . . Bayern & Kane host Arsenal

JESUS . . . Napoli interest

Number looks up now Gabi

By JOSHUA HALL

GABRIEL JESUS sat out Arsenal training yesterday because the Gunners have too many players.

Gunners boss Mikel Arteta claimed 29-year-old Jesus was absent from first-team training due to "numbers in the squad".

And compatriot Gabriel Martinelli, 25, left training early as he edges towards a £55million Al-Hilal move.

Jesus was omitted from the matchday squad for both of Arsenal's 3-0 victories over Manchester City and Coventry and is available for transfer.

Italian giants Napoli have shown interest in the Brazilian, who joined Arsenal from City for £45m in 2022, but a deal is yet to be agreed.

Yet his time at Arsenal appears to be coming to an end after he was left out of training for squad management reasons.

Arteta said: "It is something to do with the numbers that we have in the squad at the moment.

"And the way we are managing that kind of situation individually with all the players that have some personal situations."

Probed on whether that situation would involve Jesus leaving the club, Arteta added: "Personal situations, whatever they are, I think it's clear."

Winger Martinelli's early training exit also came amid speculation surrounding his future, having also been left out of Arteta's first two squads.

The Spaniard said: "Everybody knows we love Gabi. Whatever the outcome is, it will be because everybody agrees."

Both Jesus and Martinelli are set to leave before Tuesday's transfer deadline as Arteta looks to bolster his attacking line.

The Gunners have been linked with a move for Atletico Madrid's Argentina ace Julian Alvarez.

Nelson's dumped

By JOSHUA HALL

REISS NELSON has seen his £100,000-per-week Arsenal contract ripped up — despite having just under a year left.

The winger, 26, has not played for the Gunners since 2024 and spent the last two seasons on loan at Fulham and Brentford.

His spell with the Bees was disrupted by injury, restricting him to just 14 appearances.

Nelson, who played 90 times for Arsenal and won the FA Cup in 2020, held talks with Championship side West Ham earlier this summer.

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Enz in sight

HE MISSES WIN AS EMI DEAL AGREED

ARGIE BARGY . . . Enzo (left) and Martinez

By KEN LAWRENCE & DAN KING

DANNY WELBECK'S debut goal helped send Chelsea into the Carabao Cup third round — with wantaway Enzo Fernandez nowhere to be seen.

Argentine midfielder Fernandez missed the win against Luton amid speculation over his Stamford Bridge future, with Manchester City ready to make a bid.

Blues also agreed a £7.5million deal to sign Aston Villa keeper Emiliano Martinez, 33, as they

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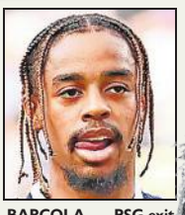
Chelsea.....2
Luton.....0

JOY . . . Chelsea scorer Welbeck

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW


BARCOLA . . . PSG exit

Bar set at £120m as Reds seal deal

By JACK ROSSER

LIVERPOOL have agreed a £120million deal to sign Paris Saint-Germain's Bradley Barcola.

The Reds negotiated an initial fee £40m lower than PSG's original asking price — £100m with up to £20m in add-ons.

That would make the winger the second-most expensive player in British history following new Kop team-mate Alexander Isak's £130m arrival from Newcastle last summer.

Barcola, 23, had two years on his deal in Paris and told the Champions League winners he would not extend it amid interest from Anfield and Arsenal.

The Prem champs indicated they would not hit PSG's fee, leaving Liverpool to strike a deal after a summer-long chase.

Boss Andoni Iraola said: "We are trying to sign in that position and as you

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HE'S THE REAL DEAL . . . Vinicius Jr snubbed Arsenal's interest to stay with Madrid

Vini IS coming to Arsenal

...BUT ONLY WHEN REAL FACE GUNNERS AT THE EMIRATES

VINICIUS JUNIOR is finally heading to the Emirates.

Unfortunately for Arsenal fans, it will be with Real Madrid in a Champions League tie.

Manager Mikel Arteta spent much of the summer trying to lure Vini Jr away from the Spanish capital – only for the Brazilian superstar to sign a new six-year Bernabeu deal under boss Jose Mourinho.

But the 26-year-old forward is now set to run out at the Emirates after last night's draw

From MARTIN LIPTON

pitted the Gunners against Madrid and Harry Kane's Bayern Munich.

Arsenal, who lost a penalty shootout to Paris Saint-Germain in May's final, will travel to Bavaria to take on Kane's Bundesliga champions, while they also face a testing trip to Italians Napoli.

And a 'friends reunited' draw hands Rodri an immediate

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It will be all-White

JAMIE OSBORNE hopes his exciting recruit can prove he is still made of the White stuff at Windsor.

White Birch was one of the best middle-distance horses in Europe just two years ago, famously beating Auguste Rodin in the 2024 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh.

He struggled to rediscover his best form last season and was picked up at the sales for £300,000 in October by Lambourn-based Osborne. The

By TOM PEPPER

six-year-old has been gelded and undergone a wind op ahead of his first start in 328 days in tomorrow's Listed August Stakes.

Osborne (*left*) said: "Saturday is his starting point and it should tell us where we stand.

"We've taken our time and thankfully rain has arrived. We are hopefully going to have a lot of fun with him."

HELL'S BELLS FOR TOMMY

JOCKEY Tom Bellamy is in hospital and faces a long spell out after a fall at Worcester. He was hit by another runner after his horse fell, puncturing both lungs and breaking 11 ribs, his sternum and shoulder blade.

Time up for Champ

DUAL Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Galopin Des Champs has officially been retired from racing.

Speculation was rife in the spring that the injury which had ruled the 10-year-old out of the Cheltenham Festival in March was career-ending.

And Willie Mullins confirmed yesterday the decision had been made to bring an end to an epic career. He

By JACK KEENE

was one of the best staying chasers of the modern era, winning 12 times at the highest level including three famous victories in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown.

Mullins said: "We just felt at his age he wouldn't be able to do himself justice.

"He has been a fabulous horse to train, everyone at Closutton will miss him."

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STAY SHARP

Will ace has all the Moves at Sandown

SHARP MOVE can cut the bookies' profits (5.20 Sandown, nap).

By TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen)

William Haggas has had to be patient with this son of Frankel who has had just three runs spread across the past couple of seasons.

He didn't run as a juvenile and was given a very quiet introduction at Yarmouth last May.

Another six months passed before we saw him at Newcastle in November and that's where he showed his potential.

He looked something special that night when showing a sharp turn of pace to beat a decent field by seven lengths. He clearly isn't the easiest to train because we had to wait until last month to see him again when he had a saunter around Southwell to blow away the cobwebs after another long break.

He now makes his handicap debut at a fairly modest level and William Buick takes the ride.

He's back over his winning trip and there should be a lot more to come.

The danger looks like **Sovereign View** with James Tate's horses running well.

He went close at Kempton last time and is stepping up in distance for the first time here.

SMOOTH MOVES . . . Sharp Move can take a big step forward making his handicap debut today for in-form trainer William Haggas (*above, left*)

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2.00 Forever Glamorous
2.35 Bella Bisbee
3.10 Sydney Rock
3.45 Alice's Influence
4.20 Grindleton
4.55 Raintown

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed turf course of 1m 4f, 5f & 6f races are run on the straight course. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): R Beckett 15-45, B Millman 12-85, B J Llewellyn & R Williams 11-126, W Muir & C Grassick 11-66. THIS SEASON: C Mason 3, A Wintle 3, B Millman 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Probert 19-109, T Fisher 7-54, G Mangan 7-60, J Leavy 7-34. THIS SEASON: G Mangan 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Mountain Of Light (2.35), Graniteville (3.10), Castlekeely (3.45), Give Me Sun (4.20), King's Castle (4.55), Hibernate (4.55) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 542 miles. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

2.00 HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3,454; 5f. (8 runners)

1 (6) 0018 **THE FIXER 53 (D)** S Dixon 5-9-9 **K O'Neill**
2 (5) 6933 **LITTLE JAYBEE 16 (D)** P Evans 3-9-8 **J Leavy**
3 (7) 0207 **SON OF ASTAR 35 (CD)** A Carroll 4-9-7 **D Probert**
4 (3) 3513 **FOREVER GLAMOROUS 32 (CD)** C Mason 3-9-7 **G Mangan**
5 (8) 7216 **BRIDGET'S BABY 2 (D)** A Carroll 3-9-5 **M Coppins (5)**
6 (4) -076 **CALL TIME 76 (D)** J Moore 5-9-3 **T Fisher**
7 (2) -380 **RED WALLS 18 (D)** L Williamson 8-8-11 **B F-Davis (5)**
8 (1) 0265 **KODI K 21** J Gallagher 3-8-9 **L Wright (3)**

Little Jaybee ●99, Son Of Astar 98, Bridget's Baby 97.

2 Forever Glamorous, 5 Little Jaybee, 7 Bridget's Baby, 8 The Fixer, Kodi K, Call Time, 11 Son Of Astar, 50 Red Walls

2.35 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (9) 0283 **BELLA BISBEE 13 (D)** S Dixon 5-9-10 **K O'Neill**
2 (8) 5671 **LERWICK 24 (B,E;CD)** M Loughnane 6-9-10 **C Hutchinson**
3 (2) 74P1 **THE STONE POWER 16 (C)** R Beckett 3-9-9 **R Clutterbuck**
4 (1) 4822 **SANTIAGO BOY 9 (B)** C Hills 3-9-5 **H Vigors (5)**
5 (10) 782 **MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT 24** J Horton 3-9-4 **S Donohoe**
6 (7) 1122 **DAPPLED LIGHT 43 (C)** A Wintle 6-9-4 **F Marsh**
7 (4) -615 **GELATO 24 (CD)** A Wintle 3-9-0 **T Langley (5)**
8 (6) 6324 **CYPRIOT DIASPORA 7 (CD)** B Millman 5-8-12 **R Kavanagh (3)**
9 (3) -528 **NEBBIA 42** H Morrison 3-8-11 **D Probert**
10 (5) 5-08 **GRIMESE'S SPECIAL 80 (B;D)** J Moore 3-8-4 **I Chalmers (7)**

Bella Bisbee ●99, Lerwick 98, The Stone Power 97.

3 Lerwick, 7-2 The Stone Power, 4 Santiago Boy, 13-2 Bella Bisbee, 8 Dappled Light, 11 Mountain Of Light

Sun FORM

BELLA BISBEE (9-3) 10-1 led, kept on same pace final 110yds, 3rd of 12 (btn 1¼l) to Documenting (9-8) (Doncaster 7f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
LERWICK (10-1) 10-1 handy, stayed on, readily, bt **CYPRIOT DIASPORA** (9-10) 13-8 fav led, kept on but no match for winner, 2½l (9 ran) (Ffos Las 7f hcap (6) £3,454 good).
THE STONE POWER (9-8) 10-3 handy, ridden and led 2f out, clear inside final furlong, readily, bt Royal Bodyguard (9-6) 2¼l (5 ran) (Ffos Las 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good).
SANTIAGO BOY (9-9) 6-1 in touch, no extra finish, btn 1½l by Piazza (9-4) (10 ran) (Kempton 7f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT (9-2) 16-1 close up, headed 1f out and ridden, no chance with facile winner, btn 6½l by Wootz (9-7) (8 ran) (Ffos Las 1m mdn (4) £5,400 good).
DAPPLED LIGHT (8-12) 5-1 tracked leader, led narrowly final 110yds, headed close home, btn ¾l by Kodi Fire (9-2) (6 ran) (Chepstow 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
GELATO (9-3) 12-1 chased front pair, pushed along 2f out, dropped away, last of 5 (btn 11l) to Mythological Star (9-9) (Ffos Las 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good).
CYPRIOT DIASPORA (9-8) 11-2 led, chased leader after 1f, lost second 4f out, ridden 1f out, no extra, 4th of 7 (btn 7½l) to Oviedo (8-12) (Ffos Las 7f hcap (6) £3,454 good).
NEBBIA (9-0) 28-1 midfield, asked for effort 2f out, soon beaten, 8th of 12 (btn 8½l) to King Of Chaos (9-6) (W'hampton 6f hcap (5) £4,397 AW).
GRIMESE'S SPECIAL (9-5) 50-1 always rear, 8th of 11 (13l) to Maid In Devon (9-2) (Salisbury 6f hcap (6) £3,926 soft).

3.10 MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 1m. (5 runners)

1 (5) 06 **ESPLANADE 28** C Hills 3-9-2 **H Vigors (5)**
2 (2) -464 **GRANITEVILLE 9** M Botti 3-9-2 **B Sayette**
3 (4) 7622 **SYDNEY ROCK 15 (BF)** O Cole 3-9-2 **M Paetel (3)**
4 (1) 2232 **WITHTEARSINMYEYES 9 (BF)** J Channon 3-9-2 **D Probert**
5 (3) 4- **ZUPA TRUPA 261** R Beckett 3-9-2 **R Clutterbuck**

Withtearsinmyeyes ●99, Sydney Rock 89, Graniteville 82.

6-4 Withtearsinmyeyes, 7-4 Graniteville, 10-3 Sydney Rock

3.45 CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); winner £3,454; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (8) 4655 **BELLTONY 59** R Price 4-9-9 **G Mangan**
2 (1) 4236 **DINAH MYTE 17 (CD)** J Gallagher 4-9-9 **D Hogan**
3 (3) 6363 **EYE OF THE WATER 58 (C,D)** R Harris 10-9-9 **C Hutchinson**
4 (5) U364 **KING OF THE DANCE 7 (B;D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 7-9-9 **D Murphy (7)**
5 (7) 9744 **LAUNCESTON 46** A Carroll 4-9-9 **M Coppins (5)**
6 (10) 4673 **PEBBLE DASH 34** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 4-9-9 **D Probert**
7 (2) 9/0- **PRIVATE OFFICER 303 (B★;D)** A Wintle 5-9-9 **F Marsh**
8 (6) 0536 **WEST HILL ROSIE 23** S Mullins 4-9-9 **G Downing**
9 (4) 4345 **ALICE'S INFLUENCE 16 (V;D)** P Evans 3-9-3 **J Leavy**
10 (9) 8702 **CASTLEKEELY 14** J Owen 3-9-3 **K O'Neill**

Eye Of The Water ●99, Castlekeely 98, King of The Dance 98.

3 Castlekeely, 9-2 Alice's Influence, 6 Eye Of The Water

4.20 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,454; 1m 2f. (11 runners)

1 (2) 6830 **SERAGLIO POINT 32** H Morrison 9-9 **D Probert**
2 (11) 7122 **SUNSHINE AND ROSES 10** J Channon 9-9 **R Dawes (5)**
3 (7) 0247 **KATALYST 17 (B)** W Muir & C Grassick 9-8 **R Kavanagh (3)**
4 (1) 6174 **BERYL'S GIRL 23 (D)** E J-Houghton 9-7 **C Hutchinson**
5 (10) 4282 **GRINDLETON 24** D & C Kubler 9-7 **E Nader**
6 (8) 9531 **LC TIFFEN 20 (D)** L Williamson 9-6 **M Gunn (5)**
7 (3) 6453 **THAI PRINCESS 44** A Wintle 9-6 **F Marsh**
8 (6) 2555 **PANGBOURNE 14** R Teal 9-5 **O Lewis (5)**
9 (5) 9331 **GIVE ME SUN 32 (D)** P Owens 9-5 **B Sayette**
10 (9) 6622 **IVAT GHIA 16 (H)** M Usher 9-0 **T Heard**
11 (4) -086 **SUMMER OASIS 36** M Usher 8-10 **H Vigors (5)**

Sunshine And Roses ●99, Beryl's Girl 98, Give Me Sun 97.

7-2 Give Me Sun, 9-2 Sunshine And Roses, 7 Grindleton, 15-2 Lc Tiffen, Pangbourne, 8 Ivat Ghia, 10 Beryl's Girl

4.55 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 1m 4f. (8 runners)

1 (6) 1524 **HIBERNATE 37 (D)** E Dunlop 4-9-9 **M Paetel (3)**
2 (8) 4415 **CRACKERGEE 46 (CD)** H Morrison 4-9-9 **D Probert**
3 (5) 5831 **ROBUSTO 19 (B;D)** E J-Houghton 6-9-8 **H Vigors (5)**
4 (4) 2312 **RAINTOWN 14 (D)** J Moore 6-9-7 **T Fisher**
5 (2) 7721 **FLIGHTOFTHEPHOENIX 18** C Hills 4-9-7 **F Marsh**
6 (1) 2423 **KING'S CASTLE 22 (C)** D Simcock 9-9-6 **T Langley (5)**
7 (7) 9119 **LUAN 22 (D)** N Schofield 4-8-13 **B Sayette**
8 (3) 9-93 **SHAFFRON 106** D Menuisier 4-8-13 **D Hogan**

Robusto ●99, King's Castle 98, Raintown 97.

5-2 Robusto, 3 Flightofthephoenix, 5 Crackergee, 6 Hibernate, 8 King's Castle, Raintown, 10 Shaffron, 14 Luan

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EAMONN HAMES

3.40 Sonas
4.15 COOL SUMMER (nap)
4.50 Mahler's Best (nb)
5.25 Chosen Princess
5.57 Something Fabulous
6.32 Le Coq Hardi
7.07 Kasper Hauser
7.38 True Harmony

■TIC-TAC: L-H undulating circuit of 9 furlongs with short run-in. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): H De Bromhead 39-200, G Elliott 24-183, W P Mullins 24-113, P Nolan 24-165. THIS SEASON: H De Bromhead 7, W P Mullins 6, P Rothwell 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D O'Keeffe 30-201, P Enright 14-129, J Gainford 14-84, S Flanagan 13-103. THIS SEASON: D O'Keeffe 6, J Halford 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Toon Town (4.50) & Cullenwaine (7.38) trained Kerry. Round trip 340 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

3.40 CONDITIONAL MAIDEN HURDLE; 4yo; €8,700; 2m 1f. (13 runners)

1 080 **BLUE NUDE 36** P Rothwell 10-13 **C Clarke (4)**
2 **DON'T TELL PADDY** E McCarthy 10-13 **C Hogan (2)**
3 **DOWN AFTER DARK (H★)** S Curling 10-13 **N Moore (2)**
4 3233 **GAME POINT 36 (BF)** R Cody 10-13 **P Cody (4)**
5 **GUNNY HILL** P Rothwell 10-13 **S O'Callaghan**
6 9 **JOHN GUN 15 (H★)** K Purcell 10-13 **L McKenna**
7 0 **YOU LIFT ME UP 43** P Rothwell 10-13 **S Markey (4)**
8 3 **FAERIE TALES 15** P Fahey 10-6 **B Kennedy (4)**
9 **MOZART'S SONG** E Courtney 10-6 **E Finegan (2)**
10 797 **NOBLE ROCCO 15** G Elliott 10-6 **P Cleary (4)**
11 **OUT WEST** D O'brien 10-6 **K Healy (4)**
12 8 **SONAS 20 (T★)** H Bromhead 10-6 **D Whelan (4)**
13 0 **TAKING IT HANDY 42** J Kenny 10-6 **C Smithers (4)**

Game Point ●99, Faerie Tales 93, Noble Rocco 86.

4-5 Game Point, 4 Faerie Tales, 8 Down After Dark, 12 Noble Rocco, 14 Out West, 16 Sonas, 20 Don't Tell Paddy, 25 Gunny Hill

4.15 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 1f. (14 runners)

1 -972 **GAME PHOENIX 21** P Power 5-12-0 **Mr B Stone (7)**
2 6293 **TINGARRAN EXPRESS 14** D O'Shea 9-12-0 **R Doyle**
3 -902 **ROOM FOR ONE MORE 14** W P Mullins 5-11-6 **D King**
4 P-03 **TEAGARDEN JAZZ 21** C Keegan 7-11-5 **D Gilligan**
5 -622 **COOL SUMMER 18 (H)** H McLoughlin 6-11-3 **P Enright**
6 -820 **BARROGSTOWN GIRL 21 (BF)** J Fahey 6-11-2 **P Smithers (5)**
7 -12P **BELLA UNION 56 (D)** J McConnell 10-11-1 **E Finegan (5)**
8 55-3 **THE TOOTHPICKER 18** D Budds 9-11-1 **D O'Keeffe**
9 35-9 **BALLINEARLA GIRL 49** E Doyle 7-10-12 **C Smithers (7)**
10 /R-7 **KINSKI 20 (H)** J Broderick 7-10-11 **P Donovan**
11 P-60 **OWL'S DELIGHT 12** R Donohoe 7-10-9 **R Deegan**
12 0-00 **MONTY'S WAY 49 (D)** G Stanley 8-10-8 **K Healy (7)**
13 0680 **ANOTHER BLUNDER 25** M Barry 5-10-3 **M O'Connor**
14 0-77 **AT THE WINGS 38 (H)** N Lee 6-10-2 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
15 086- **NUKIE'S ARTIC 136** E McCarthy 6-10-10 **RESERVE**
16 325F **SIDIRIYA 18** P Rothwell 7-10-3 **RESERVE**
17 360- **PHOENIX COWBOY 420** M Winters 9-11-4 **RESERVE**

The Toothpicker ●99, Cool Summer 98, Game Phoenix 97.

3 Room For One More, 4 Cool Summer, Game Phoenix, 5 The Toothpicker, 13-2 Tingarran Express, 10 Teagarden Jazz

4.50 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 4f 100yds. (14 runners)

1 90/4 **MAHLER'S BEST 20 (H★)** P Foley 6-11-12 **A Harvey**
2 068- **OCEAN OF DREAMS F30 (T★)** G McGill 5-11-11 **Mr D McGill (7)**
3 P-35 **BOOLA TIMES 25** D Budds 5-11-8 **D O'Keeffe**
4 2-45 **MONNTIE F21** J Hanlon 4-11-8 **D Gilligan**
5 3175 **TOON TOWN 8 (C)** D O'Sullivan 9-11-7 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
6 07P- **ARDERA GUN 126** E Doyle 6-11-2 **R Deegan**
7 P9P8 **TOMAS O MAILLE 9** M Flannery 9-11-1 **P Enright**
8 -P96 **RAY GUN 14** J Flavin 4-11-0 **D King**
9 0-68 **BRUISE HILL 31 (T★)** W Burke 5-10-13 **K Healy (7)**
10 00-S **MISS GUIRY 15 (B★)** D Kelly 5-10-13 **P Smithers (5)**
11 P7-7 **NOTHING DA NOW 22 (H★)** M Magnussen 6-10-13 **C Clarke (7)**
12 -4U7 **TEDWORTH 43 (D)** M Barry 6-10-13 **J Shinnick**
13 -000 **SEEKTHISFAIRLAND 75 (B★)** P Rothwell 4-10-8 **D Robinson**
14 1804 **ANNIE QUESTIONS 42 (H)** B Walsh 8-10-3 **Mr M Walsh (7)**
15 0C26 **FRIAR HOGAN 35 (BF)** D Hassett 5-11-11 **RESERVE**
16 0-40 **GETAWAY CHARLIE 24** T Doyle 10-12-2 **RESERVE**
17 P036 **DARK BERKSHIRE 21 (B★)** P Rothwell 6-10-6 **RESERVE**

Toon Town ●99, Mahler's Best 98, Monntie 97.

9-2 Mahler's Best, 6 Toon Town, 7 Tedworth, 8 Ray Gun, Monntie, Boola Times, 10 Bruise Hill, Annie Questions

5.25 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 4f 100yds. (14 runners)

1 5P-6 **LINCALL 93** M Ryan 5-12-0 **J Shinnick**
2 6-73 **CHOSEN PRINCESS 21** J Burke 5-11-7 **E Walsh**
3 43U0 **TORQUE DE LUNE 26** J Hanlon 6-11-6 **J Gainford**
4 44-0 **SHARETHEKNOWLEDGE 49** P Tobin 7-11-5 **C Smithers (7)**
5 -746 **CORKBEG 14 (C,D)** D Kelly 9-10-12 **P Smithers (5)**
6 5PP/ **BALINABOOLA STEEL 740 (CD)** A Leahy 14-10-11 **D O'Connor (7)**
7 00-9 **SCARLET PURSE 25** M Hassett 7-10-11 **L McKenna (3)**
8 9423 **SEKAKARMA 9** W Roper 9-10-11 **D O'Keeffe**
9 -746 **THE DUCKS WALK 15** N Dooly 8-10-10 **R Condon (5)**
10 0844 **TANTRUM BOY 24** B McMahon 6-10-6 **P Enright**
11 609/ **FENNO'S SOLDIER 1345** G McGill 8-10-5 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
12 -05P **LITTLE BOY SIVOLA 35 (B★)** P Rothwell 5-10-5 **C Clarke (7)**
13 0/04 **INCHES AWAY 25** P Cashman 7-10-4 **D King**
14 6838 **CRUISIN SUSAN 21 (C,D)** J Berry 9-10-0 **Mr J Berry (7)**
15 40-P **DUKE OTTO 36 (C)** P Flynn 8-11-12 **RESERVE**
16 770 **RUMBLE DEMOSA 27** E Griffin 5-11-4 **RESERVE**
17 3366 **WARM IN GOREY 22 (D)** P Rothwell 8-11-10 **RESERVE**

Sekakarma ●99, Chosen Princess 98, Corkbeg 97.

3 Sekakarma, 4 Chosen Princess, 5 Corkbeg, 13-2 Tantrum Boy, 8 Inches Away, The Ducks Walk, 12 Lincall, 14 Cruisin Susan

5.57 MARES MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 3m. (13 runners)

1 58-0 **FORCEONMYOWN 26** G Elliott 7-11-7 **D Gilligan**
2 37-3 **SOMETHING FABULOUS 12** J McConnell 6-11-7 **A Harvey**
3 54-7 **CLODY DIAMOND 59 (H)** P Nolan 6-10-13 **R Deegan**
4 4P76 **ELLENS PRIDE 12 (B★,T★)** S Curling 6-10-13 **P Enright**
5 4377 **LAKEWOOD ROSE 7** N Hennessy 8-10-13 **Miss N Hennessy (7)**
6 0008 **NANCY WHEELER 14** S Curling 5-10-13 **Miss N Lockhead Anderson (7)**
7 -P36 **PACY MACIE 7** B Walsh 5-10-13 **Mr B Walsh (7)**
8 3-12 **QUEEN OF THE GALES 96** C Motherway 6-10-13 **Mr J Collins (7)**
9 2-49 **STAR CAVE 24 (H★)** P Foley 6-10-13 **E Finegan (5)**
10 -P54 **TALLADEGA 45** C Bowe 5-10-13 **R Doyle**
11 **THORNBURY QUEEN (H★)** M Quigley 6-10-13 **P Donovan**
12 BU7 **WHERE EAGLES FLY 74** E Sheehy 5-10-13 **S Cleary-Farrell (7)**
13 3-0 **BURNING LIKE FIRE 29** D Hogan 4-10-7 **D King**

Clody Diamond ●99, Forceonmyown 96, Lakewood Rose 92.

5-2 Clody Diamond, 3 Forceonmyown, 7-2 Something Fabulous, 13-2 Lakewood Rose, 8 Queen Of The Gales, 10 Talladega

6.32 NOVICE CHASE; winner €15,000; 2m 3f 100yds. (5 runners)

1 -214 **LE COQ HARDI 29 (B★)** H Bromhead 7-11-9 **D O'Keeffe**
2 3185 **MA JACKS HILL 20 (B)** G Elliott 6-11-9 **K Healy (7)**
3 1348 **WARRIORS WOOD 28** A McNamara 6-11-9 **D King**
4 -121 **FEMME MAGNIFIQUE 42** D Kelly 8-11-5 **D Gilligan**
5 2U74 **BEAUFORTS STORM 37** T Doyle 7-10-12 **D Doyle (7)**

Le Coq Hardi ●99, Ma Jacks Hill 96, Femme Magnifique 95.

5-4 Le Coq Hardi, 3 Femme Magnifique, 7-2 Ma Jacks Hill, 5 Warriors Wood, 12 Beauforts Storm

7.07 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €7,200; 2m 3f 100yds. (10 runners)

1 6U-1 **FARROKH 37 (C)** B Connell 7-11-12 **S Flanagan**
2 8UP8 **SAMMY SMART 26** T Gibney 10-11-12 **D O'Keeffe**
3 22-1 **CATALANI F22** J Foley 7-11-11 **Mr B Stone (7)**
4 5311 **KASPER HAUSER 15 (H)** K Coleman 4-11-9 **C Hogan (5)**
5 P-51 **LUIMNEACH 35 (H)** C O'Dwyer 9-11-9 **C O'Dwyer (3)**
6 4310 **GIANT HAYSTACKS 31 (CD)** R O'Sullivan 7-11-7 **D Gilligan**
7 569- **THE BURROW 126** P Fenton 7-11-5 **N Moore (5)**
8 7125 **CHOSEN SHANT 21 (BF,C)** A King 10-10-13 **P Enright**
9 6-54 **AUNTIE LACEY 59 (P★)** P Nolan 6-10-11 **R Deegan**
10 2-P6 **STILY 25 (H★)** M McDonagh 6-10-3 **P Donovan**

Farrokh ●99, Kasper Hauser 98, Catalani 97.

3 Farrokh, 7-2 Kasper Hauser, 5 Luimneach, Chosen Shant, 13-2 Catalani, 8 Giant Haystacks, 12 Auntie Lacey, 14 Stily

7.38 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €6,000; 3m 1f. (16 runners)

1 -1P7 **NORTH OF NASHVILLE 37 (CD)** C Bowe 9-11-12 **J Gainford**
2 3425 **THEWAYBACKHOME 14** T O'Brien 5-11-4 **J Shinnick**
3 3211 **FR GILLIGANSVOYGE 7 (B)** J Carr 13-11-3 **E Finegan (5)**
4 350P **JE SUIS 8** S Curling 7-11-3 **Miss N Lockhead Anderson (7)**
5 7FP8 **CHARLIE'S GIFT 21** J Burke 6-11-2 **N Moore (5)**
6 5412 **CULLENWAINE 8 (B;D)** D O'Sullivan 8-11-1 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
7 F7-4 **HIT THE FRAME 104 (B;BF,CD)** J Flavin 7-11-1 **J Canavan (7)**
8 -398 **STORMY MASTER 24 (B;CD)** R Hackett 12-10-13 **L Quinlan**
9 2387 **OOGUM BOOGUM 24** D Budds 8-10-11 **D O'Keeffe**
10 9266 **TRUE HARMONY 36** S Neville 6-10-11 **P Donovan**
11 P08F **U ASKING ME 14** E Doyle 9-10-7 **P Smithers (5)**
12 4-30 **MINI GETAWAY 18 (P★)** M Lynch 9-10-6 **A Harvey**
13 6-08 **URBS INTACTA MANET 18** J Flavin 5-10-6 **D King**
14 56P9 **THREE COUNTY STAR 18** B Mortell 5-10-5 **C Hogan (5)**
15 -593 **BARELY MADE IT 37** C Bowe 9-10-1 **M O'Connor**
16 -PPP **TENNESSE BOY 37 (P★)** R Tyner 7-10-1 **P Enright**

Thewaybackhome ●99, Cullenwaine 98, Fr Gilligansvoyge 97.

11-4 Fr Gilligansvoyge, 4 Cullenwaine, 7 Thewaybackhome, 8 Hit The Frame, Barely Made It, 14 True Harmony, North Of Nashville

SANDOWN

GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE

2.25 Sky Secret
3.00 South Shore
3.35 Netherstream
4.10 Home Hero
4.45 Box Clever
5.20 SHARP MOVE (nap)

TOM PEPPER

2.25 Rotelle
3.00 South Shore
3.35 Palace Legacy
4.10 Drymee
4.45 Poets Praise
5.20 Sharp Move

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Sharp Move (Sandown) and Veil Of Clouds (double) with Kissmehoneyhoney (both Goodwood).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Brave Nation and Sound And Vision (both Goodwood).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: THURSDAY GIRL (4.10 Sandown).
THE JUDGE: BOBBY BENNU (4.38 Thirsk).

■TIC-TAC: R-H galloping oval of 1m 5f with 4f uphill run-in. ■DRAW: Low best in sprints, especially in large fields. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): J&T Gosden 30-138, W Haggas 21-99, R Beckett 20-110, A Balding 20-174. THIS SEASON: R Hannon 8, J&T Gosden 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): W Buick 35-180, O Murphy 25-182, R Ryan 18-151. THIS SEASON: O Murphy 4, W Buick 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Glen Nevis (4.10) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 490 miles. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.25 KILLIK NURSERY (Class 4) 2-Y-O; value to the winner £6,019; 5f (8 runners)

1 41505 **SKY SECRET 11 (BF,D)**
(4) C Cox 9-10 **Rossa Ryan** 95
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) £17,760
Much better expected at Windsor latest, yard flying, better today

2 621130 **INNICHEN 8 (D)**
(2) J Channon 9-9 **William Buick** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £20,057
Never landed a blow at York, previous form gives big shout, player

3 423185 **UNDERCOVER AFFAIR 21 (D)**
(5) P Evans 9-5 **Billy Loughnane** 92
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 3 £36,589
Workable mark but in deeper today, bit to prove after latest, sniff

4 315 **BETTY BOOP 20**
(6) R Hughes 9-3 **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £17,032
Wasn't at best at Newmarket, mark looks fine, drop in trip looks wise

5 182 **ROTELLE 21 (P★;D)**
(3) C Fellowes 9-2 **Paddy Bradley** 93
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £7,991
Kept on well latest, cheekpieces should help, threat if not too far back

6 42130 **ARABICA QUEEN 28**
(1) J Portman 8-11 **Jason Watson** 96
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £10,594
Form stacking up okay, Goodwood too much, calmer waters here

7 631303 **HOLI SCARLETT 27 (D)**
(8) S Williams 8-10 **Sean Levey** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £15,758
Newmarket run solid again, looks good form, been busy but in mix

8 205 **TRUE CHARM 49 (T★)**
(7) L Souza 8-8 **Marco Ghiani** 86
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,481
Mixed bag so far, more to prove than most, has to step forwards here

BETTING: 11-4 Sky Secret, 7-2 Innichen, 6 Rotelle, Betty Boop
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 3 3 2-4
2025: Lebron Power 9-8, S Levey 17-2 (R Hannon), drw 6, 5 ran.

3.00 KILLIK HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (2) 5311222 **SOUTH SHORE 4 (BF,D)** R Cowell 5-9-12 **Marco Ghiani ●99**
2 (7) 1542056 **GOOD EARTH 15 (CD)** M Herrington 9-9-12 **Connor Planas 97**
3 (8) 4664718 **DUSKAURA 21 (D)** A Carroll 3-9-10 **William Carson 90**
4 (4) -272253 **HINT OF HUMOUR 66 (D)** A Carroll 4-9-10 **Rossa Ryan 98**
5 (6) -479618 **MAHARAJAS EXPRESS 11 (D)** I Williams 6-9-9 **Billy Loughnane 92**
6 (9) 3522216 **LEVEL UP 22 (B;D)** P Evans 7-9-9 **Oisin Murphy 93**
7 (3) 0124305 **CAMELEY DAYS 14 (B★;D)** C Dwyer 4-9-6 **Lewis Edmunds 88**
8 (5) 5303-28 **JENNY JEROME 125** S Hodgson 3-9-4 **Alistair Rawlinson 90**
9 (1) 3343137 **SO SMART 11 (D)** G Harris 7-9-4 **Laura Coughlan (3) 87**

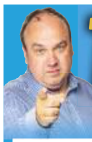
BETTING: 5-2 South Shore, 5 Hint Of Humour, Level Up, 6 Good Earth
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2-3 2
2025: Lipsink 8-9-12 Saffie Osborne 9-2 (M Appleby) drawn 3, 10 ran.

3.35 CHASEMORE FARM EBF MAIDEN STAKES (3); 2-y-o; value to the winner £7,020; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (9) 7 **ALGAIHABANE 9 (BF)** J & T Gosden 9-2 **William Buick 88**
2 (11) **BELOVED COUNTRY** E Dunlop 9-2 **Robert Havlin —**
3 (6) 20228 **CILICIAN 29** B Meehan 9-2 **Thomas Greatrex ●99**
4 (8) 0 **DIAMONDISE 13** W Muir & C Grassick 9-2 **Passy Bradley 72**
5 (7) 5 **EL PASO 45** A King 9-2 **Rossa Ryan 81**
6 (4) **KEEGAN** H Main 9-2 **Marco Ghiani —**
7 (2) 3 **NETHERSTREAM 21** J Chapple-Hyam 9-2 **Oisin Murphy 97**
8 (1) 4 **NEW OXFORD 36** H Charlton 9-2 **Lewis Edmunds 86**
9 (10) 04 **OLD OAK 13** R Hannon 9-2 **Sean Levey 76**
10 (5) 3 **PALACE LEGACY 43** J Tate 9-2 **Jason Watson 89**
11 (3) 752 **THUNDER HOME 36** J Horton 9-2 **Billy Loughnane 96**

BETTING: 11-4 Cilician, 7-2 Thunder Home, 4 Algaihabane, 6 Palace Legacy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-5 3
2025: Sticktoyourguns 9-2 S Osborne 11-1 (Owen Burrows) drawn 5, 10 ran.

TEMPLEGATE



RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

Move's in the groove

SHARP MOVE can cut down his rivals (5.20 Sandown, nap).

William Haggas's four-year-old can strike on handicap debut. Find out why on Page One.

VEIL OF CLOUDS can cast a shadow over the bookies (6.55 Goodwood, nb) for the Crisfords.

It took a little while for the penny to drop with this Pinatubo filly but she delivered in style at Lingfield last week. This trip is ideal and a 6lb penalty surely won't be enough to clip her wings.

KISSMEHONEYHONEY (5.45 Goodwood) found a Listed race a bit much here in May but came back from a break with a promise second at Hamilton last time and should go close.

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP
SHARP MOVE
5.20 Sandown
Looks the type to find a lot more now in a handicap.

★ TEMPLEGATE NB
VEIL OF CLOUDS
6.55 Goodwood
Easy winner at Lingfield last time and much more to come.

★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
KISSMEHONEYHONEY
5.45 Goodwood
Promising run at Hamilton latest and capable of fair bit better.

4.10 HOUSE OF KILLIK HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-O; winner £6,019; 1m (8 runners)

1 34-341 **HUNGARIAN 42 (B)**
(5) L Souza 9-11 **Darragh Keenan** 96
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £24,690
Latest win big step forwards, big threat if repeating that on grass here

2 891517 **HOME HERO 2 (V;CD)**
(7) H Palmer 9-9 **Luke Catton (3)** 97
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £13,007
Easy winner at Haydock, up 6lb and ran flat at Sandown on Wed, sniff

3 8-3505 **MAGIC TRIP 77 (D)**
(3) A Balding 9-7 **Jason Watson** 88
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £7,358
Yard can do little wrong, looks more exposed than most, e-way best

4 -22212 **THURSDAY GIRL 22 (BF,D)**
(6) E Walker 9-6 **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £19,809
7-4 here latest & didn't follow up win, been expensive to follow, player

5 4-7113 **DRYMEE 20 (D)**
(4) J Fanshawe 9-6 **Billy Loughnane** 98
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (S,F) £14,230
Edged out latest, same mark here and repeat goes very close, in hunt

6 0-22 **DOVECOTE 36 (BF)**
(8) R Beckett 9-5 **Rossa Ryan** 97
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £5,070
Handicap bow, been kept to quiet novices, market will tell plenty here

7 434131 **TAMZAN 19 (D)**
(1) M Tregoning 9-4 **Marco Ghiani** 94
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £17,932
Consistent, deserved win at Leicester, this tougher, going under radar

8 243942 **GLEN NEVIS 8 (P★;BF)**
(2) C Johnston 9-2 **William Buick** 95
Runs: 6 Places: 3 £8,080
Yet to win in six goes, knocking at door, mark shouldn't be beyond him

BETTING: 7-2 Drymee, 4 Dovecote, 11-2 Thursday Girl, 6 Tamzan, 7 Home Hero, Hungarian, Glen Nevis, 16 Magic Trip
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1
2025: Man Of La Mancha 9-9, H Crouch 2-1 Fav (R Beckett), drw 6, 13 ran.

Sunracing FORM

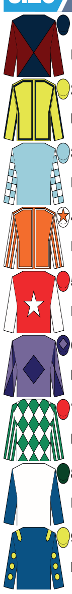
HUNGARIAN (9-4) 18-1 midfield, headway 1f out, kept on final furlong, bt Bone Marra (9-9) nk (9 ran) (W'hampton 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
HOME HERO (9-11) 7-2 prominent, pushed along to lead 2f out, went clear final furlong, bt Sunshine And Roses (8-11) 2¾l (6 ran) (Haydock 1m app hcap (5) £5,234 good).
MAGIC TRIP (9-4) 22-1 rear, pushed along 2f out, no extra final furlong, 5th of 9 (btn 7¾l) to Morbeh (9-0)
HOME HERO (8-10) 15-2 tracked leaders, dropped to rear over 2f out, soon beaten, 8th (well btn) (Chester 1¼m hcap (4) £7,731 good to soft).
THURSDAY GIRL (9-1) 7-4 jt fav tracked leaders, ridden to lead 1f out, headed final furlong, 3¼l by Desert Shadow (10-2) (6 ran) (Sandown 7f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
DRYMEE (8-7) 10-3 in touch, pushed along 2f out, stayed on finish, not reach leaders, 3rd of 6 (btn ¾l) to Man Of Vision (9-0) (Newmarket 1m hcap (3) £10,308 good to firm).
DOVECOTE (9-7) 6-5 fav handy, ridden over 2f out, ran on inside final furlong, no chance with winner, btn 3¼l by Gran Ventura (9-9) (13 ran) (Southwell 7f mdn (4) £5,400 AW).
TAMZAN (9-4) 2-1 fav midfield, shaken up 1f out, headway final furlong, led final 110yds, ran on well, bt Venetian Sky (9-7) ¾l (5 ran) (Leicester 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
GLEN NEVIS (9-8) 9-4 jt fav led, ridden 2f out, kept on but headed final strides, btn nk by Venetian Lion (9-7) (7 ran) (Newmarket 1m hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).

4.45 KILLIK FILLIES' HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (5) 2-73586 **POST RIDER 18 (B;D)** O Cole 5-10-2 **Lewis Edmunds 87**
2 (1) 3-29031 **BOX CLEVER 7 (D)** J Portman 3-10-1(6ex) **Jason Watson ●99**
3 (6) 5798363 **DARK ROSA 13** G Nicholls 4-9-11 **Billy Loughnane 90**
4 (2) 446 **KINO PLASMAT 23** E Walker 3-9-10 **Oisin Murphy 91**
5 (8) 54-4 **POETS PRAISE 42 (BF)** R Beckett 3-9-9 **Rossa Ryan 93**
6 (4) 54-551 **PERFECT RULER 10 (D)** M Botti 3-9-7(6ex) **Marco Ghiani 98**
7 (7) 3565633 **DANDY KHAN 8 (D)** J Boyle 4-9-6 **Pat Cosgrave 92**
8 (3) 113-302 **PRETTY SPIRITED 25 (D)** L Mullaney 4-9-2 **Alec Voikhansky 94**

BETTING: 11-4 Box Clever, 4 Perfect Ruler, 5 Poets Praise, 6 Kino Plasmat, 13-2 Dandy Khan, 10 Pretty Spirited, Dark Rosa, 12 Post Rider
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 9
2025: Tronido 4-9-5 Paddy Bradley 5-1 (S Dow) drawn 6, 9 ran.

5.20 KILLIK FAMILY HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £6,019; 1m 2f (9 runners)



1 73-046 **GALYX 17 (D)**
(1) J Channon 5-10-2 **George Bass** ●99
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 2 £19,945
Best run for a while here in June, handy mark, big player if stepping up

2 41-8 **SHARP MOVE 32 (D)**
(2) W Haggas 4-10-2 **William Buick** 97
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) £4,627
Handicap bow, big weight, Newcastle win impressive, market check

3 1331-8 **MOON ANGEL 111**
(5) S Williams 5-10-1 **Marco Ghiani** 94
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 2 £35,721
Off since Ascot flop, that was too bad to be true, player if ready for this

4 4-3745 **CARNIVAL DAY 16 (CD)**
(7) J Boyle 5-9-11 **Pat Cosgrave** 96
Runs: 23 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 4 £34,113
Handicapper steadily helping, on last winning mark, interesting here

5 -26343 **SOVEREIGN VIEW 16**
(6) J Tate 3-9-10 **Rossa Ryan** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 5 £16,896
Rock solid this season, mainly kept to AW, has to prove it on turf now

6 355445 **GOLDEN CIRCET 18 (D)**
(9) J & S Best 6-9-6 **Tom Queally** 88
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £26,046
Held fair and square this campaign, looks vulnerable for now, watch

7 1-4030 **MAGNATURA 28 (V)**
(4) T Ward 3-9-6 **Sean Levey** 87
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) £21,682
Bits and pieces of form but struggled of late, back to drawing board

8 1-2415 **OH YES YOU DO 48 (BF,D)**
(3) D Menuisier 3-9-5 **Billy Loughnane** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £14,203
Well down field latest after easy win, big threat if bouncing back, risky

9 3130-6 **GOLDEN PHASE 35 (D)**
(8) D Coakley 6-9-0 **Oisin Murphy** 90
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (2F,GS,G) Places: 8 £28,459
Only 1lb above last win now, right man on board but has a bit to answer

BETTING: 3 Sharp Move, 4 Galyx, 5 Oh Yes You Do, 6 Moon Angel, 7 Carnival Day, 8 Sovereign View, 12 Golden Circet, 14 Golden Phase
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 6
2025: Beach Point 4-9-9, C Fallon 18-1 (W Knight), drw 12, 11 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

GLEN NEVIS (4.10 Sandown) has been running well and the first-time cheekpieces can give him a nudge. Have an each-way double with SHADY BAY (5.10 Goodwood) who went close last time and is right in the hunt again.

ACING RESULTS

CARLISLE

Going: Good-good to firm in places

1 JEWEL MAKER Miss Rebecca Burley 2 Up The Jazz (3-1); 3 Sanafi Zabeel (15-8 ran. 4l; hd. T Easterby. T: £8.10; £2.40, £1.40, Ex: £33.30. Tricast: £51.76. Trifecta: £91.20. 7.37. NR: Spirit Catcher.

1 BLAZING INFERNO D Tudhope (11-2); 2 as Star (13-2); 3 Prosperity Angel (10-3). 11 arasota Blue Blue 5-2 fav). nk; 1½l. E Bethell. 50; £1.90, £2.10, £1.40. Ex: £45.60. Trifecta: CF: £42.33.

: 1 BINCIMBAL C Rodriguez (9-4); 2 ld Bay (6-1); 3 Ten Clarets (2-1 fav). 5 ran. /4l. Harry Charlton. T: £3.30; £2, £2.80. Ex: Trifecta: £31.80. CF: £15.47.

1 RIKKI TIKI TAVI K Stott (12-1); 2 Rogue tion (11-4); 3 Go Vince Go (7-2). 7 ran (Town 15-8 fav). nk; nk. K Ryan. T: £13.70; £5.50, Ex: £55.40. Tricast: £143.87. Trifecta: £157.70. 6.08. NR: Here Forever, Tip Foster, Trust

1 ROYAL DUKE Rhys Elliott (12-1); 2 Cotai ght (6-1); 3 Never Dark (6-1). 11 ran (Harry 7-2 fav). hd; 1½l. R M Smith. T: £14.80; £2.30, £2.60. Ex: £127.80. Tricast: £499.18. a: £1108.80. CF: £87.18. NR: Cape Sovereign, sor, Opal Storm.

1 DR RIO Z Wheatley (5-1); 2 Taylormade 3-8 fav); 3 Off Spin (13-2). 7 ran. 5l; ¾l. D l. T: £6; £2.50, £1.30. Ex: £16.90. Tricast: . Trifecta: £54.60. CF: £14.10. NR: Due To Riddikulus, Vampire Slayer.

1 FARABOVE THE LIMIT S James (17-2); andale (11-4 fav); 3 Hey Havana (6-1). 9 ran. . Phillip Makin. T: £9.50; £2.80, £1.40, £2.10. 0.50. Tricast: £155. Trifecta: £316. CF: £31.93. POT: Not won, pool of £5,506.69 carried over.

PLACEPOT: £255.60
QUADPOT: £71.30

FFOS LAS

Going: Good

1 DOWNONMAINSTREET David Egan 2 Laylaty (2-1 fav); 3 Seed Ya Later (11-2). ¾l; 1¼l. M Bell. T: £5.50; £2.20, £1.90. Ex: Trifecta: £74.40. CF: £13.43.

1 TUMISHI D Muscutt (8-11 fav); 2 Channel ls (40-1); 3 War Gaming (4-1). 6 ran. hd; Fanshawe. T: £1.73; £1.10, £9.20. Ex: £25.30. a: £78.80. CF: £32.18.

1 MACARONE Rossa Ryan (5-2 jtfav); 2 r (5-2 jtfav); 3 Outer Edge (10-3). 6 ran. 1¼l; Harris. T: £3.50; £1.60, £2.60. Ex: £10.70. a: £43.70. CF: £9.08. NR: Coast, Demetris on, Rogue Rebellion.

1 LAST FLIGHT S Donohoe (9-4); 2 Lusaka av); 3 Make A Splash (33-1). 7 ran. 1½l; nk. Horton. T: £3.25; £1.90, £1.70. Ex: £7.40. t: £97.87. Trifecta: £92.20. CF: £6.78. NR: e, Golden Flame.

1 WINDAY Rossa Ryan (11-8); 2 Blue les (6-5 fav); 3 Neswick (10-1). 5 ran. 6l; 3½l. ins (IRE) . T: £2.38; £1.10, £1.30. Ex: £2.70. a: £8.30. CF: £3.21. NR: Saaffya.

1 GRAND PIER Harry Vigors (10-3 fav); 2 nthony Gover (10-1); 3 Revich (12-1). 9 ran. . W Greatrex. T: £4.34; £1.50, £2.30, £3.10. 2.10. Tricast: £359.49. Trifecta: £332.70. CF: . NR: Sahm Naif.

PLACEPOT: £14.40
QUADPOT: £5

LINGFIELD

Going: Standard

: 1 PRINCE KAMEO J Gilligan (4-1); 2 ey Galore (12-1); 3 Magical Life (5-2). 11 o More Pino 9-4 fav). ¾l; ¾l. Sir M Prescott. 30; £1.90, £3.50, £1.50. Ex: £68.40. Tricast: 9. Trifecta: £295.50. CF: £47.92.

1 THURITHA S M Levey (4-1); 2 Please Go (11-8 fav); 3 Scrappetalene (3-1). 4 l; 1½l. D M Simcock. T: £5.60; Ex: £12.30. a: £24.40. CF: £10.03. NR: Boomshakalak.

: 1 ENOCH W Buick (2-5 fav); 2 Black n (3-1); 3 Colonnade (5-1). 7 ran. hd; 4¾l. J osden. T: £1.40; £1.02, £2. Ex: £2.20. Trifecta: CF: £2.10.

1 STYLE KING H Davies (11-4 jtfav); 2 t Treasure (11-4 jtfav); 3 Isle Of Lismore (14- n. nk; 2l. C Dwyer. T: £3.75; £1.80, £1.90. Ex: Trifecta: £53.90. CF: £10.01.

1 KEV T Marquand (16-1); 2 Pride Eye (11-2); kheer (3-1 fav). 13 ran. shd; ½l. W Muir & C ck. T: £17.10; £5.30, £2.40, £1.50. Ex: £159.30. a: £1020.70. CF: £102.06. NR: Rogers Dream.

1 ROYAL COUNTY GLORY C Fallon (4-7 Credit Forgedd It (17-2); 3 Power Cut (40- n. hd; 1½l. Jack Jones. T: £1.58; £1.10, £2.20, Ex: £8.60. Tricast: £127.36. Trifecta: £141. CF: NR: Twilight Baby.

PLACEPOT: £74.60
QUADPOT: £4.60

NAVAN

Going: Good-good to firm in places

1 SUPREME LORD W J Lee (11-8 fav); 2 n Wolf (9-2); 3 Lucy's Promise (16-1). 8 ran. ¼l. Robson Aguiar. T: €2.38; €1.10, €1.60, €4.30. Ex: €8.20. Tricast: €71.22. Trifecta: €62.60. CF: €8.32.

2.14: 1 AMIATA C T Keane (4-1); 2 By The Lake (28-1); 3 Gotta Catch'em All (7-2 fav). 9 ran. hd; ¾l. G M Lyons. T: €5; €1.50, €5.60, €1.20. Ex: €49.60. Tricast: €434.25. Trifecta: €299.10. CF: €106.66. NR: All The Girls, Cool Azul, Flaming Rib, Jon Riggens, Tornado Kiss.

2.44: 1 ATLANTIC BRIDGE W M Lordan (8-11 fav); 2 Southern Boulevard (3-1); 3 Better Yet (7-2). 8 ran. 2¾l; nk. Robson Aguiar. T: €1.73; €1.10, €1.10, €1.30. Ex: €3.50. Trifecta: €9.20. CF: €3.64. NR: Abletai.

3.14: 1 THIS THAT C T Keane (9-2); 2 Leadlight (2-5 fav); 3 Jezzie Bea (4-1). 6 ran. shd; 3¼l. G M Lyons. T: €6.20; €2.10, €1.02. Ex: €9.90. Trifecta: €15.30. CF: €6.95. NR: Equus Victor.

3.44: 1 NEPHIN MOUNTAIN Wesley Joyce (11-1); 2 Alto Sax (9-2); 3 Lohengrin (16-1). 13 ran (Go Out 4-1 fav). ½l; shd. M Mulvany. T: €12; €3.30, €1.60, €4.60. Ex: €69.80. Tricast: €845.96. Trifecta: €1089.20. CF: €62.42. NR: Gloriously Glam.

4.15: 1 AVEC GRAND PLAISIR R P Whelan (3-1 fav); 2 Sheamus Seimhiu (28-1); 3 Comfort Line (7-2). 12 ran. ns; ¾l. J P Fahey. T: €4; €1.70, €6.60, €1.70. Ex: €110.60. Tricast: €329.52. Trifecta: €645.80. CF: €101.37. NR: Loingseoir, Sherekiya.

4.49: 1 SUNRUSH S Coen (8-1); 2 Millhone (3-1 fav); 3 Love Orchid (15-2); 4 Blissful Bonita (10-3). 18 ran. 2l; 2¼l; ½l. A Slattery. T: €11.50; €2.60, €1.20, €1.90, €1.40. Ex: €66.30. Tricast: €209.34. Trifecta: €398.30. CF: €34.87.

5.24: 1 MISS AUSTRALIE S Coen (16-1); 2 Cala Gracioneta (12-1); 3 Deluca Chop (14-1); 4 Maxwell Smart (14-1). 22 ran (Without Love 7-2 fav). 3¾l; hd; 1½l. A McGuinness. T: €23.20; €4.50, €4.60, €3.50, €3. Ex: €328.20. Tricast: €2843.09. Trifecta: €913.30. CF: €213.88. NR: Eastern Blue Bird, Eastern Wind, Lariat, Piatra Neamt.

PLACEPOT: €31.50

NEWTON ABBOT

Going: Good-good to firm in places

4.42: 1 ST JUST IN TIME Paul O'Brien (4-9 fav); 2 Nightflyer (3-1); 3 Wait At The Gate (11-1). 4 ran. 2¼l; 40l. Harry Derham. T: £1.45; Ex: £1.90. Trifecta: £4.40. CF: £2.23. NR: Iwanttobreakfree, Morissette.

5.12: 1 FLASHY BOY Charlie Price (13-8 fav); 2 Premier Fantasy (2-1); 3 Lynsey Larue (11-1). 4 ran. 12l; 19l. R L Llewellyn. T: £2.63; Ex: £5.30. Trifecta: £14.60. CF: £5.47. NR: Better Off Alone.

5.42: 1 BUXTED REEL S Sheppard (11-8 fav); 2 Most Wanted (9-1); 3 Ask Peter (11-4). 5 ran. 6½l; 2¾l. T Lacey. T: £2.38; £1.10, £4.70. Ex: £11.40. Trifecta: £20. CF: £12.44. NR: Estate Planning, Run Away Joe.

6.12: 1 BREAKING COVER C Bament (3-1); 2 Obsessedwithyou (13-2); 3 Centara (9-2). 4 ran (Gore Point 5-6 fav). 11l; 2½l. A Honeyball. T: £6; Ex: £17.70. Trifecta: £41.60. CF: £17.86. NR: Gower Prince, Ice In The Veins.

6.42: 1 MY GIRL KATIE C Ring (15-8 fav); 2 Man Oh Man (11-2); 3 Alberts Bay (17-2). 6 ran. 1l; 2l. G Harris. T: £2.88; £1.60, £2.70. Ex: £13.70. Trifecta: £72.40. CF: £12.72. NR: Final Entry.

7.12: 1 THICKTHORN TOM H Skelton (5-4 fav); 2 It's A Breeze (10-3); 3 Quick Sharpener (13-2). 4 ran. 8½l; ¾l. D Skelton. T: £2.25; Ex: £4.80. Trifecta: £10.40. CF: £5.75. NR: McGregors Charge.

7.42: 1 ELLERTON B J Powell (5-4); 2 Donnie Azoff (8-13 fav); 2 ran. 1¾l. J Tizzard. T: £2.25; NR: Beorma, King Of The Bronx.

PLACEPOT: £116.90
QUADPOT: £30.30

SOUTHWELL

Going: Standard

6.00: 1 HERETIC D Probert (2-1 fav); 2 Cable Beach (3-1); 3 Beaming Light (7-2). 10 ran. 2½l; ½l. M Herrington. T: £3.10; £1.30, £1.40, £1.90. Ex: £10.50. Tricast: £20.47. Trifecta: £37.90. CF: £8.12.

6.30: 1 SHADES OF MAY Rose Dawes (6-1); 2 King Sharja (6-1); 3 Adelaide Bay (7-4 fav). 10 ran. 3½l; nk. M Usher. T: £7; £1.60, £2, £1.40. Ex: £47.50. Tricast: £90.48. Trifecta: £138.10. CF: £42.18.

7.00: 1 MR NOBLE C Lee (7-4 fav); 2 Haaderr (7-2); 3 Dublin Bay (22-1). 11 ran. 1¾l; hd. K R Burke. T: £2.75; £1.40, £1.80, £4.30. Ex: £12. Tricast: £100.13. Trifecta: £109.80. CF: £7.41.

7.30: 1 MARKET LEADER James Doyle (15-8); 2 Secano (50-1); 3 Night Of Gold (5-6 fav). 9 ran. 6l; ¾l. K R Burke. T: £2.88; £1.10, £8.30, £1.10. Ex: £90.10. Trifecta: £183.90. CF: £84.72. NR: Neverbeatdeswalker.

8.00: 1 NOUR C Lee (4-1); 2 Lord Ragnar (4-1); 3 Trust Yourself (7-4 fav). 7 ran. hd; 2½l. K R Burke. T: £5; £1.80, £2.50. Ex: £16.30. Trifecta: £42.20. CF: £20.08.

8.30: 1 MASSIMO BLUE B Loughnane (11-8 fav); 2 Jenever (14-1); 3 Azure Zain (11-1). 11 ran. 1¼l; 1¼l. D Cunha. T: £2.38; £1.10, £3, £3.60. Ex: £32.60. Tricast: £169.21. Trifecta: £291.10. CF: £25.03.

9.00: 1 CAPTAIN CAIRNEY D Probert (3-1); 2 Currumbin (2-1 fav); 3 Lordsbridge Grey (9-2). 5 ran. 1½l; 5½l. W Muir & C Grassick. T: £4; £5.70, £1.30. Ex: £9.50. Trifecta: £31. CF: £9.55.

PLACEPOT: £7.50
QUADPOT: £4.70

REYHOUND ROUND-UP

SELECTIONS

E: 11.01 Noelles Glenlo (nap) (5-6-1) Alright Grace (nb) (4-6-2) 11.34 Kerrs (1-6-4) 11.52 Mind The Mouse (1-4-2) Sly Ash (4-6-2) 12.26 Coolmeen Moll 12.42 Alright Irene (3-6-1) 12.59 Third ation (3-2-1) 1.17 Droopys Fervour (5-1-6) he Hill (4-6-5) 1.51 Mertonaby Lad (6-1-3) reak Point (2-3-1) TRAL PARK: 11.09 Swift Vibration (3-5- 27 Hollyhill Shari (2-6-1) 11.43 Shadow r (nap) (3-6-1) 12.01 Keggal Sadie (2-6- 18 Millbank Jasmine (nb) (3-6-5) 12.34 ance (4-6-3) 12.51 Lady Kitty (1-5-2) 1.08 h Maggie (3-4-1) 1.26 Pearces Bluebell 1.42 Dapper Beth (2-3-5) 1.59 Pearces (6-5-1) 2.14 Freda My Blondie (1-3-2) CESTER: 2.23 Greencroft Blaze (4-1-2) onic Angel (4-6-2) 3.01 Choices Bronte) 3.19 Deelish Lily (nap) (3-6-2) 3.38 earyflash (2-1-5) 3.57 Rowington Rascal 1-6-5) 4.16 Bridgestreet Ali (2-6-5) 4.34 ng Razor (1-3-2) 4.53 Clermount (6-1-5) ll About Rosie (6-5-1) 5.31 Ballycleary Bell 5.49 Drohobych Falcon (6-2-1) SLEY: 2.29 Droopys Willya (3-1-2) 2.48 n Hope (4-6-1) 3.07 Thunder Run (nap)) 3.26 Pro Cooper (2-1-4) 3.44 Lamia 3-4-1) 4.03 Deelish Honey (2-3-4) 4.22 Rose (4-6-3) 4.41 Dromana Milo (1-6-4) 4.59 Fast Fit Mollie (1-5-4) 5.18 Queen Ariana (5-4-2) 5.37 Move Over Manly (4-5-2) 5.56 Jennyontheblock (4-2-6)

RETURNS

■KINSLEY: 11.14 Speedy Killeavy 7-2 (6-2-3 BAGS F £25.31 TC £62.88). 11.30 Knotmor Signet 11-8f (2-5-6 £17.49 TC £62.18). 11.46 Crystal Willow 5-2 (DH 3rd 4-1-6 £10.88, 4-1-2). 12.03 Caddells Pride 6-1 (1-3-2 £20.64 TC £88.61). 12.20 Sporting Chicpea 9-4 (2-6-4 £7.25). 12.37 Grantstown Road 11-10f (3-4-5 £4.83). 12.53 Norristown Hydro 2-1jt (1-5-4 £10.73). 1.11 Elite Lizzie 2-1 (3-6-5 £6.55 TC £19.38). 1.26 Deecee Phoenix 9-2 (6-1-2 £26.00 TC £65.72). 1.41 Listen Nelly 4-5f (2-5-4 £9.23 TC £27.86). 1.58 Fleetwood Robbie 6-4f (6-3-5 £15.69 TC £45.68). 2.14 Confident Stunt 13-8f (1-6-5 £13.32 TC £57.49).

■DUNSTALL PARK: 2.29 Mayahs Ace 13-8f (3-2-6 BAGS F £6.53 TC £25.53). 2.48 Final Frontier 13-8f (5-3-4 £13.86 TC £33.91). 3.07 Miss Tibbs 9-2 (1-2-4 £10.95 TC £32.87). 3.26 My Midnitespoton 10-3 (3-2-5 £19.18 TC £77.86). 3.44 Lynnia Cymru 7-2 (5-3-1 £22.06 TC £94.35). 4.03 Kiltealy 10-3 (1-4-6 £29.82 TC £101.14). 4.22 Elsies Champ 9-4jt (4-2-1 £9.08 TC £20.80). 4.41 Hiya Jimal 7-2 (5-1-6 £14.99 TC £51.67). 4.59 Maddies Lass 6-1 (2-6-1 £38.60). 5.18 Millbank Got It 7-1 (6-1-4 £31.07 TC £72.29). 5.37 Ballintemple Bet 2-1 (3-4-1 £13.90 TC £26.27).

ONG HOT SOCKS OFF (7.15 Sedgefield) has some decent form over hurdles including a win over this trip and track. He is down the weights on this comeback and hasn't been with current connections for long.

PRO BETS

ACK FOR MORE: SANDRET 2.13 Thirsk) won this race months ago and has every ance again from a 1lb lower handicap mark.

OES THE DISTANCE: LUNA RUN (6.25 Fontwell) is the only horse in the race to have won over the distance.

GAMBLED ON: SKY SECRET (2.25 Sandown) was backed right into 13-8 favourite at Windsor last time out only to miss the frame and could well make amends today.

GOODWOOD

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE

4.35 .... Motown Filly
5.10 .... Blue Wonder
5.45 .... Kissmehoneyhoney
6.20 .... Sandscreendeliverd
6.55 .... Veil Of Clouds (nb)
7.28 .... Kimeko Glory

TOM PEPPER

4.35 .... Cut And Sew
5.10 .... Shady Bay
5.45 .... Cracking Beauty
6.20 .... BRAVE NATION (nap)
6.55 .... Sound And Vision (nb)
7.28 .... Gone Rogue

■TIC-TAC: A tricky R-H undulating switchback track with two bends. Straight 5f track. ■DRAW: Low numbers best in sprints, though a fast start is important. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W Haggas 34-163, R Hannon 31-249, R Beckett 28-182, G & J Moore 23-180. THIS SEASON: R Hannon 9, K Burke 6, W Haggas 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): T Marquand 30-234, K Shoemark 19-138, H Crouch 18-143, S Osborne 13-118. THIS SEASON: R Hornby 4, S Osborne 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Queen Of Christmas (4.35) trained at Leyburn. Round trip of 596 miles. ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.35 MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Class 3); 2-y-o; win £10,468; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (3) 9 **CUBBIE'S DREAM 50** J Portman 9-2 .... **R Hornby**
2 (1) 35 **CUT AND SEW 35** E Walker 9-2 .... **K Shoemark**
3 (5) **GOBBY GRACE** R Hughes 9-2 .... **H Crouch**
4 (4) 27 **MOTOWN FILLY 64** R Spencer 9-2 .... **G Wood**
5 (2) 54 **QUEEN OF CHRISTMAS 65 (BF)** K R Burke 9-2 **non-runner**
6 (6) 8 **WIG WAM BAM 42** J Channon 9-2 .... **T Marquand**

Motown Filly ●99, Cut And Sew 98, Wig Wag Bam 81.

Evens Motown Filly, 3 Cut And Sew, 9-2 Gobby Grace

5.10 FILLIES HANDICAP (5); winner £5,574; 1m 2f. (13 runners)

1 (9) 3342 **SHADY BAY 18 (D)** T Ward 5-10-2 .... **S Osborne**
2 (2) 4334 **OASIS SUNRISE 22 (BF,D)** G Harris 4-9-12 **A Lewis (3)**
3 (12) 6326 **MOLO DEL PALAZZO 39 (B★)** R Beckett 3-9-9 **H Crouch**
4 (8) 6322 **BLUE NOON 21** R Hannon 3-9-9 .... **P Dobbs**
5 (1) -131 **HAUTELUCE 22** E Walker 3-9-9 .... **K Shoemark**
6 (3) -415 **BLUE WONDER 76 (BF,D)** H Morrison 4-9-9. **D Egan**
7 (10) 1171 **ALICE DE CLARE 15 (D)** J Fanshawe 3-9-9 .. **J Peate**
8 (5) 6-95 **STAR OF DUBAI 32** D Coakley 4-9-8 .... **J Mitchell**
9 (7) 531 **BRIGHTON BEACH 27** W Haggas 3-9-7 **T Marquand**
10 (13) 2323 **LADY MILTON 30 (D)** J Portman 3-9-7 .... **R Hornby**
11 (4) -142 **KOKOLUNA 98** E J-Houghton 3-9-6 .... **C Bishop**
12 (6) 1427 **MOHAAB 18 (BF,D)** W Muir & C Grassick 3-8-11 **N Currie**
13 (11) -064 **TIME AFTER TIME 43** H Main 4-8-11 .... **E Greatrex**

Brighton Beach ●99, Blue Noon 98, Hauteluce 97.

9-2 Brighton Beach, 5 Hauteluce, 6 Alice De Clare

5.45 FILLIES HANDICAP (4); winner £7,668; 1m 4f. (9 runners)

1 (5) 1-82 **KISSMEHONEYHONEY 27** W Haggas 4-10-2 **T Marquand**
2 (7) 2212 **AMMOONY 30** T Clover 3-9-7 .... **D Egan**
3 (8) 2113 **LIVEINTHELIGHT 15 (D)** O Sangster 3-9-5 **K Shoemark**
4 (4) 2151 **KELLY BURN 63 (D)** J Fanshawe 3-9-3 ... **A Lewis (3)**
5 (9) 407 **MARIANITA 32** R Beckett 3-9-2 .... **H Crouch**
6 (1) 815 **MOTHER DEAR 59 (BF,C)** H Morrison 3-9-1 **R Hornby**
7 (6) 7409 **PIERPOINT 42** R Hannon 3-9-0 .... **P Dobbs**
8 (2) 0-33 **CRACKING BEAUTY 31** R Teal 3-9-0 .... **N Currie**
9 (3) 5213 **GLENNA 32 (BF)** T Ward 3-8-12 .... **S Osborne**

Kelly Burn ●99, Marianita 97, Ammoony 97.

2 Kelly Burn, 4 Kissmehoneyhoney, 5 Ammoony, 7 Marianita, 10 Mother Dear, Glenna, 12 Cracking Beauty

6.20 HANDICAP (4); winner £7,911; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (8) 6483 **RUBY'S PROFIT 14 (CD)** T Ward 4-10-2 **T Marquand**
2 (5) 1676 **GRANDLAD 17 (B★;CD)** J Horton 5-9-12.. **J Mitchell**
3 (6) 1432 **ROGUE BULLET 22 (D)** J Owen 4-9-11 .... **H Davies**
4 (4) -431 **BRAVE NATION 20 (D)** M Attwater 6-9-10 .... **K Fox**
5 (7) 7520 **SILVER WRAITH 30** E Lavelle 4-9-7 .... **S Osborne**
6 (3) 3235 **OVER SPICED 8 (D)** G Harris 4-9-3 .... **A Lewis (3)**
7 (1) 3785 **KISS AND RUN 11 (CD)** R Cook & J Bridger 5-9-2 **D Egan**
8 (2) 9338 **SANDSCREENDELIVERD 14 (B★;D)** P Crate 4-9-1 **P Dobbs**
9 (9) 8-32 **VELVET GOLDMINE 76 (H★;BF)** E Walker 3-9-1 **K Shoemark**

Rogue Bullet ●99, Velvet Goldmine 97, Grandlad 95.

11-4 Velvet Goldmine, 7-2 Rogue Bullet, 4 Brave Nation, 8 Ruby's Profit, 10 Grandlad, Silver Wraith, 12 Kiss And Run

Sun FORM

RUBY'S PROFIT (10-2) 15-2 led, pushed along final furlong, weakened finish, 3rd of 8 (btn ¾l) to Modern Times (9-7) **SANDSCREENDELIVERD** (9-3) 12-1 rear, pushed along 1f out, weakened final furlong, detached final 110yds, last (btn 17l) (Epsom 6f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
GRANDLAD (9-7) 13-2 led, ridden and headed 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 6th of 7 (btn 5¾l) to Moulin Booj (9-8) (Nottingham 5f hcap (4) £5,154 good to firm).
ROGUE BULLET (10-0) 3-1 in touch, headway 2f out, ridden to chase winner 1f out, no impression, btn 4¼l by Solar Edge (9-13) **OVER SPICED** (9-6) 7-1 in touch, pressing for places final furlong, no impression, kept on, 3rd (btn 4½l) (7 ran) (Chepstow 5f hcap (4) £5,339 good to firm).
BRAVE NATION (9-11) 15-8 fav in touch, progress 1f out, ridden to lead final furlong, bt Lion's House (9-4) hd (6 ran) (Newmarket 5f hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
SILVER WRAITH (9-6) 14-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 11th of 26 (btn 5¾l) to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
OVER SPICED (9-12) 9-2 midfield, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 5th of 7 (btn 3l) to Whizzy Dizzy (9-6) (Lingfield 5f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
KISS AND RUN (9-12) 11-2 chased leader, pushed along 2f out, weakened final furlong, 5th of 9 (btn 4l) to Thornaby Pearl (9-7) (Windsor 5f app hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
VELVET GOLDMINE (9-2) 5-4 fav pressed leader, pushed along 1f out, ridden 1f out, soon led, headed on line, btn sh hd by Doodling (9-0) (11 ran) (Bath 6f (5) £4,320 good).

6.55 HANDICAP (5); winner £5,751; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (8) 1130 **RORY ROCKET 30 (D)** G & J Moore 4-9-12 **T Moore (7)**
2 (7) 6330 **RAFFLES ANGEL 21 (D)** J Jones 5-9-11 ...... **H Crouch**
3 (10) 2531 **VEIL OF CLOUDS 11 (D)** S & E Crisford 3-9-11(6ex) **H Davies**
4 (9) 7815 **PERFECT LOCATION 46 (CD)** T Ward 3-9-9 **R Hornby**
5 (2) 6022 **NORTHCLIFF 14 (V;D)** R Burdon 6-9-9 . **T Marquand**
6 (3) 6064 **NEWSREADER 24 (BF)** A Carroll 5-9-7 .... **D Egan**
7 (1) -532 **SOUND AND VISION 27 (BF)** E Walker 3-9-5 **K Shoemark**
8 (5) 5792 **DARK ALLEY 15 (D)** W Greatrex 3-9-3 ...... **E Greatrex**
9 (4) 2654 **EIGHTTHREEONE 22 (D)** E J-Houghton 3-9-3 **C Bishop**
10 (6) 0856 **ARARAT 14 (D)** R Cook & J Bridger 6-9-2.. **J Mitchell**

Veil Of Clouds ●99, Dark Alley 98, Northcliff 97.

7-4 Veil Of Clouds, 9-2 Northcliff, 6 Sound And Vision, 8 Eightthreeone, 10 Dark Alley, 12 Newsreader, Rory Rocket

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RORY ROCKET (8-13) 16-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, made no impression, weakened, 19th of 26 (btn 11l) to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
RAFFLES ANGEL (9-7) 14-1 in front, ridden 2f out, headed over 1f out, soon weakened and tailed off, 10th of 11 (btn 8¾l) to Montezin (9-8) (Haydock 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good).
VEIL OF CLOUDS (9-9) 4-7 fav made all, easy, bt Egotistical (9-9) 6l (5 ran) (Lingfield 6f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
PERFECT LOCATION (9-9) 9-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, no extra, 5th of 7 (btn 7l) to Zooella (9-2) (Lingfield 6f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
NORTHCLIFF (9-11) 15-2 led, ridden 1f out, headed final furlong, just denied, btn nk by Molly Mac (9-0) (12 ran) (Newmarket 6f hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).
NEWSREADER (9-12) 5-2 fav in rear, disputing third when ridden 110yds out, no extra, 4th of 7 (btn 1l) to Safari Dream (10-0) (Ffos Las 6f hcap (5) £4,187 good).
SOUND AND VISION (9-10) 2-1 fav prominent, took second inside final furlong, ran on but always held by winner towards finish, btn 1¼l by Merrimack (9-6) (6 ran) (Newmarket 5f hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).
DARK ALLEY (9-8) 40-1 led but pestered, ridden 2f out, headed, outpaced final furlong, btn 3¾l by Madman (9-3) (11 ran) (Windsor 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
EIGHTTHREEONE (9-5) 11-4 disputed lead, chased leader, hampered 1f out, not recover, last of 4 (btn 16l) to Red Snapper (8-10) (Chepstow 6f hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
ARARAT (9-13) 18-1 midfield, headway 3f out, chased leaders 1f out, kept on one paced, 6th of 9 (btn 2¾l) to Play Me (9-5) (Epsom 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).

7.28 AMATEUR HANDICAP (5); winner £5,290; 1m 1f. (10 runners)

1 (9) 0431 **KIMEKO GLORY 7 (B)** C Hills 4-11-5(5ex) **Mr J Hills (5)**
2 (4) 1535 **SHOW BIZ KID 29 (B)** J & S Birkett 5-11-2 **Mr R Birkett**
3 (2) 4844 **BEACH POINT 22** W Knight 5-11-2 .... **Mr H Callan**
4 (1) 1174 **PRIDE OF NEPAL 19 (CD)** A Carroll 8-11-1 **Miss B Hampson**
5 (6) 6141 **GONE ROGUE 22** G & J Moore 5-11-1 **Mr G Gorman (3)**
6 (7) -074 **SANT ALESSIO 58 (D)** J Tickle 5-11-0 **Mr H Moore (5)**
7 (5) 5777 **ROMANTIC SPIRIT 62 (D)** D Menuisier 4-10-12 **Mr G Mitchell (5)**
8 (10) 6623 **GREY FOX 14** E Lavelle 9-10-11 .... **Mr S Walker**
9 (8) -054 **PLATINUM PRINCE 51 (B;CD)** G&J Moore 9-10-9 **Miss A Crowley (7)**
10 (3) 7367 **ARTAVIAN 20 (V)** P Chamings 6-10-0 .... **Mr F Tett**

Gone Rogue ●99, Kimeko Glory 98, Grey Fox 97.

13-8 Kimeko Glory, 7-2 Gone Rogue, 7 Grey Fox

FONTWELL

GOING: GOOD

TEMPLEGATE

4.05 .... Kom Tu Voudras
4.40 .... Salkadan
5.15 .... Delgany Second Now
5.50 .... Ballinoulart
6.25 .... Steal A Glance
7.00 .... Two To Tango
7.33 .... God Of Fire

TOM PEPPER

4.05 .... Easter Icon
4.40 .... Houndswood Willow
5.15 .... Onehundredneighty
5.50 .... Pawpaw
6.25 .... Camshaft
7.00 .... A Little Something
7.33 .... Graffiti

■TIC-TAC: L-H figure-of-eight track of 1m. Six fences and four hurdles. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): G&J Moore 70-356, A Honeyball 38-140, N Mulholland 35-233. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): C Quinn 22-158, B J Powell 19-158, M Goldstein 16-128. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Lynsey Larue (6.25) trained LLancarfan. Round trip of 368 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Rum Diamond (4.40), She Is For Me Boys (7.00), Best Night (7.33). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.05 HANDICAP HURDLE (Class 4); winner £4,066; 2m 6f. (5 runners)

1 164F **KOM TU VOUDRAS 8** F Bramley 6-11-9 .... **H Cobden**
2 1-84 **MOTAZZEN F12 (CD)** H Knight 8-11-5 .... **B Powell**
3 -034 **BREAK POINT 37** L Dace 6-11-5 .... **F Keighley (5)**
4 4B-1 **EASTER ICON F23 (CD)** G Brown 7-11-3 .... **I Ryder (5)**
5 -369 **BALTRAY 35** E Lavelle 8-11-2 .... **B Jones**

Motazzen ●99, Easter Icon 98, Break Point 97.

2 Easter Icon, 9-4 Kom Tu Voudras, 9-2 Break Point, 11-2 Motazzen, 11 Baltray

4.40 JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4); 3-y-o; winner £5,446; 2m 2f.(8 runners)

1 **GREY SANDS F10 (T★,V★)** K Bailey & M Nicholls 11-2 **C Gethings**
2 **HOUNDSWOOD WILLOW F24 (P★)** T Dascombe 11-2 **D Bass**
3 4 **JUST CALL ME MO 47** S Davies 11-2 .. **Mr S Burton (7)**
4 P **NICOLAI 33** N Mulholland 11-2 .... **B Harris (3)**
5 **OCTOBER SURPRISE F20** S West 11-2 .... **M Goldstein**
6 **RUM DIAMOND F151 (T★)** M Comley 11-2 **J Brace (5)**
7 3 **SALKADAN 33 (P★)** D Skelton 11-2 .... **H Skelton**
8 **SHORT SYMPHONY** L Horsfall 10-9 .... **B Carver**

Salkadan ●99, Just Call Me Mo 90.

10-11 Salkadan, 4 Rum Diamond, 5 Grey Sands, 13-2 Houndswood Willow, 10 October Surprise, 20 Short Symphony

5.15 NOVICE LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5); win £3,248; 2m 3f. (7 runners)

1 /34- **KOTARI F84** G & J Moore 7-11-12 .... **F Mitchell (3)**
2 -98P **UNCLE REMUS 6** H Knight 5-11-10 .... **B Powell**
3 7751 **DELGANY SECOND NOW 3** D Skelton 4-11-5(7ex) **H Skelton**
4 5-57 **KHALK'EAU SPIGAO 58 (P★)** C Gordon 4-11-0 **F Gordon**
5 35-4 **ONEHUNDREDNEIGHTY 100 (BF)** B Pauling 6-10-13 **B Jones**
6 -U66 **NORTH ACCOUNT 49 (P★)** N Scholfield 6-10-10 **H Reed**
7 78-6 **WISE COUNSELLOR 66** G & J Moore 4-10-9 ... **C Quinn**

Kotari ●99, Onehundredneighty 98, Delgany Second Now 97.

4-6 Delgany Second Now, 5-2 Onehundredneighty, 7-2 Kotari, 7 Uncle Remus, Khalk'eau Spigao, 12 Wise Counsellor

5.50 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 6f. (7 runners)

1 4P-1 **YOUDECIDE 3** B Pauling 6-12-7(7ex) .... **B Jones**
2 3116 **EDGEWELL 13 (B)** N Scholfield 8-12-0 .... **H Reed**
3 751/ **PAWPAW 551 (CD)** D Jeffreys 9-11-8 .... **C Quinn**
4 2P7P **KING OF THE STORY 37 (CD)** P Gundry 10-10-13 **B Poste**
5 965/ **HELIOS ALLEN 726** B Case 9-10-8 .... **H Bannister**
6 6-55 **OF CORSE I CAN 35 (C)** N Mulholland 9-10-5 **B Harris (3)**
7 4325 **BALLINOULART 41** D Bridgwater 8-10-3 **Mr R Upton (7)**

Youdecide ●99, Edgewell 98, Of Corse I Can 97.

6-4 Youdecide, 15-8 Pawpaw, 4 Edgewell, 11 Of Corse I Can, 14 Helios Allen, 33 Ballinoulart, 50 King Of The Story

6.25 MARES HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 3m 2f. (7 runners)

1 1-13 **CAMSHAFT 44 (BF)** J & A O'Neill 5-12-0 ...... **J O'Neill Jr**
2 3-20 **MOBILE MAMMA 21** I Donoghue (Ire) 7-11-7 **H Skelton**
3 -613 **LUNA RUN 40 (D)** H Derham 7-11-2 .... **P O'Brien**
4 9552 **STEAL A GLANCE 3** A Honeyball 4-10-11 **C Bament (5)**
5 -235 **ATHENA'S DREAM 44 (B)** H Dickin 4-10-10 .... **M Bevan (7)**
6 -1P3 **LYNSEY LARUE 1** C Williams 7-10-10 .... **C Ring**
7 PP-F **GLORIOUS MIST 96** P Butler 9-10-2 .... **M Goldstein**

Athena's Dream ●99, Camshaft 98, Luna Run 97.

7-4 Luna Run, 2 Camshaft, 9-2 Athena's Dream, 7 Steal A Glance, 16 Mobile Mamma, Lynsey Larue, 50 Glorious Mist

7.00 HANDICAP CHASE (4); winner £4,700; 2m 2f. (6 runners)

1 B612 **PERSON OF INTEREST 47 (BF)** F Bramley 6-11-13 **H Cobden**
2 -213 **SHE IS FOR ME BOYS 60** J Snowden 7-11-13 **I Ryder (5)**
3 3-41 **MERELY A DETAIL 35** T Bulgin 5-11-10 .... **J Burke**
4 3-24 **TWO TO TANGO 73** E Lavelle 8-11-9 .... **C Todd**
5 11UF **A LITTLE SOMETHING 37 (C)** E Lavelle 7-11-8 **B Jones**
6 -111 **MARTIN'S DENUO 26 (H★,T★)** D Pipe 4-11-2 **R Corcoran (5)**

Person Of Interest ●99, Two To Tango 98, She Is For Me Boys 97.

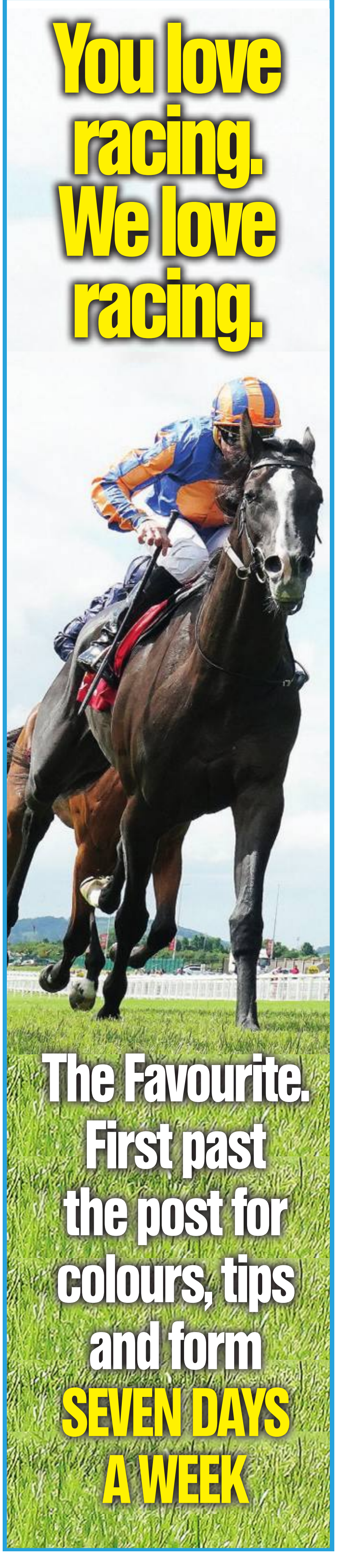
5-2 Person Of Interest, She Is For Me Boys, 7-2 A Little Something

7.33 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 2f. (9 runners)

1 4/14 **GOD OF FIRE 13 (D)** J & A O'Neill 6-12-0 ..... **J O'Neill Jr**
2 5234 **BEST NIGHT F29 (BF)** D Pipe 5-11-13 .... **R Corcoran (5)**
3 773- **AGGAGIO F28 (B★;C)** G & J Moore 8-11-12 .... **C Quinn**
4 2U5- **BRAVE GUEST F46** S West 4-11-12 .... **M Goldstein**
5 9798 **DOUBLE POWER 15** I Donoghue (Ire) 6-11-11 **H Skelton**
6 423/ **GRAFFITI F52 (T★;CD)** G Brown 7-11-6 .... **M Bevan (7)**
7 5-26 **CHARLIE MY BOY 59 (D)** J Jenkins 9-11-6 .... **J Davies**
8 2135 **RAFFLES NOBU 5 (B;BF,D)** N Scholfield 6-11-6 **J Quinlan**
9 38/5 **HARRY GULLIVER 35** A Hales 8-10-9 .... **B Carver**

Aggagio ●99, God Of Fire 98, Best Night 97.

4 God Of Fire, Raffles Nobu, Graffiti, 5 Best Night, 8 Aggagio



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GOING: GOOD

2.13 AJA NOVICE FLAT AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £2,980; 1m. (11 runners)

1 (10) 121-688 **SANDRET 31 (CD)** S England 10-11-5 **Mr Liam Baxter (3) 86**
2 (3) 1843424 **TEES GEORGE 17 (D)** A Nicholls 6-11-2 **Mr Jack Lander 94**
3 (9) 94-0447 **DEEP SLEEP 74 (H★)** J Owen 3-11-1 **Miss Ruby Criscuolo 92**
4 (5) 6-68896 **TROPEZ POWER 18 (D)** M Walford 7-11-0 **Miss Alice Cooke 87**
5 (1) 3721162 **HATAMOTO 18 (CD)** T Easterby 3-10-13 **Miss Rebecca Burley 98**
6 (4) 9084-69 **CALAXY 198** M Loughnane 4-10-12 **Mr Jack Loughnane (3) 89**
7 (6) 57-7614 **JUNGLE KNIGHT 57** M Rimell 3-10-11 **Mr Harry Rimell (3) 95**
8 (2) 66537-0 **SUZETTE 34** T Coyle & K Wood 4-10-10 **Mr William Pearman 85**
9 (11) 6234231 **MISEMERALD 4 (D)** P Kirby 5-10-9(5ex) **Miss Natasha Cookson ●99**
10 (7) 59-8036 **DANDY'S ANGEL 73** J Wainwright 9-10-4 **Mr Freddie Robson 91**
11 (8) 2365258 **HARSWELL RIVER 15 (D)** R Fell 3-9-11 **Miss Sophie Dobson 90**

BETTING: 7-2 Misemerald, 4 Hatamoto, 9-2 Tees George, 15-2 Jungle Knight, Deep Sleep, 8 Dandy's Angel, 10 Tropez Power, 16 Sandret
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5
2025: Sandret 9-11-2 Miss R Hitchen 10-3 (S England) drawn 5, 10 ran.

2.48 WORK MATTERS NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); value to the winner £5,234; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (2) 1 **WOOTZ 24 (D)** R Varian 3-9-11 **Ray Dawson ●99**
2 (9) 05 **MORTY ROBINSON 27** B Ellison 6-9-10 **Mikey Sheehy 76**
3 (1) 0-55 **RUA MOR 88** S England 4-9-10 **Cam Hardie 74**
4 (5) 3 **WHO'S THE GOAT 60** M Hammond 6-9-10 **Aiden Brookes 89**
5 (3) **EAGLEONTHEBALCONY** J Goldie 3-9-4 **Joanna Mason —**
6 (6) 5 **EAGLES INSTINCT 17** J Goldie 3-9-4 **Lauren Young (5) 82**
7 (8) 09 **JETPACK JIMMY 12** S Whitaker 3-9-4 **Andrew Elliott 70**
8 (7) 64 **LEAGUE OF JUSTICE 17** G Tutty 3-9-4 **Conor Whiteley (5) 85**
9 (4) **WALK IN PROVENCE** C Johnston 3-8-13 **Callum Shepherd —**

BETTING: 1-2 Wootz, 9-2 Walk In Provence, 14 Who's The Goat, Rua Mor, 16 Eagleonthebalcony, 20 League Of Justice, Eagles Instinct, 33 Jetpack Jimmy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.25 CADDICK CONSTRUCTION EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,757; 1m. (15 runners)

1 (14) 53 **ASTRAL CROWN 22** D O'Meara 9-7 **Daniel Tudhope 88**
2 (3) 33 **MR MINZ 46** I Jardine 9-7 **Andrew Mullen 96**
3 (2) 7 **MR TWIG 14** M Bell 9-7 **Jason Hart 89**
4 (4) 7 **QUINTILLION 16** C Johnston 9-7 **Callum Shepherd 90**
5 (7) 32 **BAARBERINI 22 (BF)** J Horton 9-4 **Daniel Muscutt ●99**
6 (15) 0 **FRONTIER LEGEND 34** M Dods 9-4 **Rhys Elliott (5) 70**
7 (5) **RIVER GLEN** R Menzies 9-4 **Oisin Orr —**
8 (6) **CHAOS INN COURT** I Furtado 9-1 **Barry McHugh —**
9 (1) **LION'S DEN** M Dods 9-1 **Mark Winn —**
10 (10) **PERSIAN SUMMER** M Dods 9-1 **Tom Eaves —**
11 (9) **POPPULAR** T Easterby 9-1 **Sean Kirrane —**
12 (12) 40 **SPECIAL OPERATIONS 13** T Easterby 9-1 **David Allan 85**
13 (11) **ELAN VALLEY** A Nicholls 8-13 **Clifford Lee —**
14 (8) 5 **MECCAPULCO 14** M Dods 8-13 **Connor Beasley 79**
15 (13) 0 **BEARING IN TIME 27** T Easterby 8-10 **Duran Fentiman 70**

BETTING: 9-4 Baarberini, 9-2 Mr Minz, 13-2 Astral Crown, 10 Quintillion, 12 Mr Twig, Persian Summer, Lion's Den, 14 Special Operations
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 4 1
2025: Be The Standard 9-4 Jason Hart 13-8 Fav (H Palmer) drawn 5, 11 ran.

4.00 IVEGATE BUILDING HANDICAP (3); value to the winner £9,720; 6f. (20 runners)

1 (11) P201-00 **TOPWARRIOR 62 (B;D)** R Beckett 4-10-0 **Callum Rodriguez 85**
2 (14) 1/62222 **DEEP HAVANA 135 (D)** H Al Jehani 5-10-0 **Faleh Bughanaim 97**
3 (12) 1/71-56 **DURHAM CASTLE 74 (D)** S & E Crisford 5-10-0 **Callum Shepherd 93**
4 (4) 0145213 **LORD ROXBY 13 (BF,D)** N Tinkler 4-10-0 **Alex Jary (3) 97**
5 (13) -103344 **VEBLEN GOOD 12 (BF,D)** D O'Meara 4-9-13 **Conor Whiteley (5) 96**
6 (16) 9-31180 **NOVELLO LAD 34 (D)** P Midgley 5-9-12 **David Nolan 92**
7 (20) 3-11 **ANYASI 55 (D)** R Varian 3-9-11 **Ray Dawson ●99**
8 (2) 9380020 **WE NEVER STOP 34 (D)** K Ryan 5-9-11 **Kevin Stott 87**
9 (1) 9548313 **JORDAN ELECTRICS 7 (D)** J Goldie 10-9-10 **Lauren Young (5) 96**
10 (17) 21-3150 **STARMADE 50 (D)** E Dunlop 3-9-8 **P J McDonald 90**
11 (7) 50-4729 **WOVEN 53 (D)** M Dods 10-9-8 **Connor Beasley 88**
12 (9) 92187-2 **ART LOVER 48 (D)** W Haggas 3-9-7 **Cieren Fallon 98**
13 (10) 7326100 **MANILA SCOUSE 13 (CD)** T Easterby 7-9-7 **David Allan 86**
14 (8) 2502275 **YES I'M MALI 12 (CD)** D O'Meara 4-9-6 **Daniel Tudhope 93**
15 (6) 36/856- **BIG CYRIL 396 (D)** R Fell 4-9-6 **Joanna Mason 84**
16 (19) 27-0080 **EYE OF DUBAI 13 (D)** J & S Quinn 5-9-6 **Jason Hart 75**
17 (15) 3462241 **WOODSTOCK 13 (V;D)** R Carr 6-9-5 **Oisin Orr 98**
18 (18) 24127 **COUNTY CARLOW 13 (D)** B Haslam 3-9-4 **Andrew Mullen 91**
19 (3) 6953382 **HAVANA RUM 12 (D)** R & P Fahey 6-9-0 **non-runner 92**
20 (5) 0407220 **KATS BOB 13 (V;CD)** R Carr 8-9-0 **Jake Dickson (5) 88**

BETTING: 9-2 Anyasi, 11-2 Lord Roxby, 15-2 Woodstock, Deep Havana, 10 Veblen Good, Art Lover, Jordan Electrics, Durham Castle
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 0 2-0 3 0
2025: Eternal Sunshine 5-8-2 L Young 11-2 (J Goldie) drawn 4, 14 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

2.13 Hatamoto
2.48 Wootz
3.25 Baarberini
4.00 Anyasi
4.38 Our Havana
5.13 Arrange

TOM PEPPER

2.13 Tees George
2.48 Walk In Provence
3.25 Baarberini
4.00 Anyasi
4.38 Brighton Boy
5.13 Sax Appeal

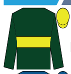
■TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 2f, undulating with tight turns, straight 6f course. ■DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course, low numbers best at 7f & 1m ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): D O'Meara 32-194, M Dods 32-305, T Easterby 30-545. THIS SEASON: K Ryan 5, T Easterby 4, D O'Meara 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Tudhope 31-142, C Beasley 29-282, Oisin Orr 19-146. THIS SEASON: C Beasley 5, D Tudhope 4, D Allan 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Topwarrior (4.00) & Palmar Bay (4.38). Round trip of 530 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: M Dods won the 4.00 in 2016 and 2024. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.38 FRAMECLAD HANDICAP (2); value to the winner £15,702; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (9) 4-44083 **PALMAR BAY 26 (D)** R Beckett 5-10-0 **Callum Rodriguez 94**
2 (2) 5-39280 **INVICTUS GOLD 27** T Clover 4-9-13 **Cieren Fallon 97**
3 (14) -635513 **NORTHERN EXPRESS 27 (C,D)** M Dods 8-9-12 **Connor Beasley 96**
4 (10) 8/3061- **HE'S A MONSTER 369 (D)** H Al Jehani 6-9-12 **Faleh Bughanaim 98**
5 (1) 550-420 **BOBBY BENNU 30 (H;BF,CD)** R Varian 5-9-9 **Ray Dawson 94**
6 (5) 1007999 **MIRSKY 8 (C)** D O'Meara 7-9-7 **Daniel Tudhope 86**
7 (6) 4091349 **SUPERPOSITION 30 (D)** E Dunlop 5-9-6 **P J McDonald 91**
8 (11) 0-46828 **SERGEANT WILKO 62 (C)** K Ryan 5-9-1 **Kevin Stott 93**
9 (7) 699-100 **OUR HAVANA 27 (V★;D)** R & P Fahey 5-9-0 **Warren Fentiman (3) 96**
10 (12) 6212022 **ALPHA CAPTURE 16 (V;BF,D)** R Fell 6-8-13 **Tom Eaves ●99**
11 (4) 1260603 **BRIGHTON BOY 6 (BF,CD)** T Easterby 4-8-12 **David Allan 96**
12 (13) 4642075 **PERFECT PART 8** B Ellison 4-8-12 **Mikey Sheehy 90**
13 (3) 12 **MAJESTIC DANE 190 (D)** K R Burke 3-8-10 **Clifford Lee 97**
14 (8) 3323788 **FRANKIES DREAM 20 (H;D)** J Candlish 4-8-9 **Luke Morris 88**

BETTING: 4 Northern Express, 9-2 Majestic Dane, 5 Brighton Boy, 8 Alpha Capture, 10 Bobby Bennu, He's A Monster, Palmar Bay, 14 Sergeant Wilko
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 9 1 abd
2025: Race abandoned.

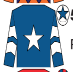
5.13 APPLEBRIDGE GROUP HANDICAP (4) winner £5,234; 1m 6f (7 runners)


1 6960-4 **PINATIQUE 13**
(1) Sir M Prescott 4-10-2 . . . . . **Luke Morris 93**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (S,A) £27,762
Ex-French, needed stable debut latest, this tell us more, check betting

2 365333 **SAX APPEAL 54 (B)**
(2) C Johnston 6-10-1 . . . **Callum Shepherd 97**
Runs: 46 Wins: 9 (8A,G) Places: 5 £120,700
Did too much too soon (2m) latest, little leeway in current mark, in hunt

3 5418-6 **SUDU 21 (BF)**
(7) R Varian 4-10-0 . . . . **Ray Dawson ●99**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) £7,278
Market strength but faded quickly return from year off, better for it, player

4 0-P354 **TALISMANS TIME 17**
(5) E Bethell 4-9-10 . . . . **Cian Horgan (5) 98**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £16,532
Winner at Hamilton last summer but hasn't kicked on, capable but risky


5 34/1-7 **MICK COLLINS 34**
(4) M Todhunter 5-9-9 . . . . **David Nolan 85**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £10,324
Fair form over jumps in Ireland, stable/AW bow offered little, not today

6 63-753 **HAMADHAN 90**
(6) J Candlish 4-9-6 . . . . **Jason Hart 91**
Runs: 7 Places: 1 £3,651
Definite signs of ability, clipped 5lb but may need even more help, sniff

7 -06223 **ARRANGE 21 (D)**
(3) M Todhunter 8-8-13 . . . . **Mark Winn 98**
Runs: 35 Wins: 4 (S,F,2G) Places: 13 £82,698
Winless for two years but not for want of trying, give another good account

BETTING: 2 Sudu, 7-2 Arrange, 5 Talismans Time, 11-2 Sax Appeal, 15-2 Pinatique, 10 Hamadhan, 16 Mick Collins
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-2 abd

DOWN ROYAL

GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

EAMONN HAMES

4.30 Nicky Larson
5.05 Cosmic Front
5.37 Only For Our Man
6.12 Santa Domingo
6.47 Rocky's Diamond
7.22 Jonny Carrol
7.56 Bredas Pearl

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed galloping track of 2m with a downhill run to the straight and an uphill finish. 10 fences and 8 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): G Elliott 81-321, G Cromwell 12-128, Ian Donoghue 8-46, J McConnell 7-80. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J W Kennedy 34-90, S D Torrens 8-60, J J Slevin 7-59, K M Donoghue 6-63. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Matter Of Opinion (7.22) trained at Dublin. Round trip of 190 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: G Elliott won the 6.12 in 2023, 2024 and 2025, and won the 6.47 in 2022 and 2023. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.30 JUVENILE HURDLE; 3-y-o; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (9 runners)

1 31 **NICKY LARSON 18** P Nolan 11-4 **S Flanagan**
2 0U **CAMP VERDE 8** J Hanlon 10-12 **M Kenneally (5)**
3 **FAY OG F102** W Crawford 10-12 **J Slevin**
4 7 **NOD OF APPROVAL 18 (T★)** J Harrington 10-12 **S Torrens**
5 **POINT STAR** M Fahey 10-12 **T O'Connor (7)**
6 **MOON AURA F59** C McBratney 10-5 **K Sexton**
7 43 **NO BOTHER AOIFE 18** G Cromwell 10-5 **C Stone-Walsh**
8 6 **SANDS CASTLE 18 (H)** A Sexton 10-5 **H Sexton (7)**
9 **SWIFT CHARM F55 (H★,T★)** W Crawford 10-5 **P O'Hanlon**

No Bother Aoife ●99, Nicky Larson 95, Sands Castle 83.
6-4 Nicky Larson, 2 No Bother Aoife, 6 Sands Castle, 7 Nod Of Approval, 14 Moon Aura, 16 Point Star, 25 Swift Charm, 50 Fay Og

5.05 MARES MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (11 runners)

1 **COSMIC FRONT F203** W P Mullins 5-11-7 **B Hayes**
2 P-36 **CHURCHFIELD ANNIE 47** E Mullins 5-10-13. **non-runner**
3 0 **HOWAYA CODGE 20** C Hughes 5-10-13 **S Torrens**
4 3-4P **JO'S SECRET 55 (BF)** A Martin 6-10-13 **K Sexton**
5 P0-8 **LOUGHDOO 22** S Millar 6-10-13 **H Sexton (7)**
6 F **MESSONGHI 49** P Rothwell 5-10-13 **T Power Roche**
7 499 **SAOIRSES CHOICE 22** F Casey 6-10-13 **A Balfe (7)**
8 645 **CLANOKRE LASS 19** G Elliott 4-10-10. **J Williamson (3)**
9 -532 **RARE TIMES 14** Mags Mullins 4-10-10 **J Slevin**
10 F17 **TANGA MUGI 22 (H★)** C Collins 4-10-10 **B Harvey**
11 **THAT'S IT GIRL** G Cromwell 4-10-10 **C Stone-Walsh**

Jo's Secret ●99, Rare Times 96, Tanga Mugi 94.
2 Jo's Secret, 5-2 Rare Times, 3 Cosmic Front, 10 That's It Girl, 12 Tanga Mugi, Clanokre Lass, 50 Saoirses Choice

5.37 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (16 runners)

1 1-10 **LIPS FREEDOM 27 (D)** A Kinirons 6-12-1 **D Meyler**
2 -UFP **BANNOW BLAZE 26** J Fogarty 6-11-12 . **T Power Roche**
3 -102 **BRUANT 22** A Martin 5-11-12 **K Sexton**
4 -310 **HOPEFUL HERO 32 (H;BF,D)** T Hogan 5-11-11.. **M Kenneally (5)**
5 -223 **ONLY FOR OUR MAN 43 (C)** P Nolan 6-11-9 **J Smith (5)**
6 0101 **SMALL BUCKS 14 (D)** P Collins 5-11-9 **B Harvey**
7 2253 **DAIRY FORCE 15 (H)** G Elliott 7-11-6 **J Kennedy**
8 F-08 **KAZAKH D'ARTHEL 43** G Cromwell 6-11-6 **K Donoghue**
9 1774 **MO GHILLE MAR 26 (D)** J Hanlon 5-11-6 **H Sexton (7)**
10 6-0P **CERTAMEN 25 (P★)** E Buckley 5-11-4 **K Buckley**
11 P-07 **GOLDEN WINGS 25 (H)** G Elliott 5-11-4 **J Williamson (3)**
12 50P/ **VICEREGENT F310** L Lennon 9-11-1 **Mr E Powell (7)**
13 -406 **HOME BY THE SEA 18** P Fahy 6-11-0 **J Slevin**
14 1454 **KILT 25 (H;D)** P Rothwell 5-11-0 **S Torrens**
15 3360 **WHISPERING WILLOW 35 (T★)** G Cromwell 5-10-12. **C Stone-Walsh**
16 90-8 **YOUR CALL 45 (B★)** L Lennon 4-10-11. **C Monaghan (7)**

Only For Our Man ●99, Bruant 98, Golden Wings 97.
9-2 Only For Our Man, 5 Small Bucks, 6 Bruant, 8 Hopeful Hero, 10 Lips Freedom, Kilt, Dairy Force, 12 Kazakh D'arthel

6.12 MAIDEN HURDLE; 4-y-o; winner €7,200; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1 8 **HIDDEN EMPIRE 24** W Crawford 10-13 **J Smith (5)**
2 **SANTA DOMINGO F335 (T★)** J McConnell 10-13. **J Slevin**
3 05 **SEAMY APPLETART 45** J Cosgrave 10-13.. **M Kenneally (5)**
4 9 **TEDDY JONES 24** R Cody 10-13 **D Meyler**
5 60-6 **WACKESTONE F30 (B★)** G Elliott 10-13 **J Halford (7)**
6 87-0 **WEE FALLON 24** I Donoghue 10-13 **C Stone-Walsh**
7 **LISNADILL F91 (P★)** C McBratney 10-6 **K Sexton**
8 007 **OOPS A DAISY 49** J Hanlon 10-6 **J Younge (7)**

Wackestone ●99, Hidden Empire, 75, Seamy Appletart 73.
4-5 Wackestone, 2 Santa Domingo, 14 Lisnadill, Hidden Empire, 16 Teddy Jones, 25 Seamy Appletart, 33 Wee Fallon, 50 Oops A Daisy

6.47 HURDLE; winner €9,600; 3m. (9 runners)

1 3-10 **REVEREND HUBERT 30 (D)** C Byrnes 8-11-10.. **P Byrnes**
2 -211 **LOCH CUAN 63** G Elliott 5-11-6 **J Smith (5)**
3 0P13 **ROCKY'S DIAMOND 14 (P★;BF,D)** D Queally 6-11-5... **M Kenneally (5)**
4 2184 **THECOMPANYSERGEANT 14** G Cromwell 9-11-5.. **K Donoghue**
5 12-1 **CLAY PIGEONS 24** W P Mullins 6-11-1 **B Hayes**
6 5UP7 **AMBITIOUS FELLOW 27 (B)** P Fahey 10-11-0.. **E O'Sullivan (7)**
7 0/7- **SAMUI F7** G Elliott 7-11-0 **J Kennedy**
8 454- **THE FRIDAY MAN 384** M McCabe 9-11-0.. **Miss E Herbison (7)**
9 5211 **GANGSTER GRANNY 19** C McBratney 5-10-13.. **K Sexton**

Rocky's Diamond ●99, Clay Pigeons 96, Reverend Hubert 86.
9-4 Clay Pigeons, 11-4 Samui, 3 Rocky's Diamond, 5 Reverend Hubert, 12 Thecompanysergeant, Loch Cuan, 14 Ambitious Fellow

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REVEREND HUBERT (11-1) 8-1 mid-division, no impression from 4 out, 13th of 22 (btn 19l) to King Alexander (10-13) **ROCKY'S DIAMOND** (10-11) 8-1 mid-division, pushed along over 6 out, no impression when pulled up before 2 out, (Galway 2¾m hcap ch Grd 3 (1) €162,000 good).
LOCH CUAN (11-9) 3-10 fav made all, ridden clear after last, easily, going away, bt God Help Me (10-11) 20l (5 ran) (Cartmel 2¾m nov hdle (4) £5,446 good).
ROCKY'S DIAMOND (11-5) 5-6 fav mid-division, led after 4th, headed before 2 out, ridden but no extra before last, kept on one pace run-in, 3rd of 5 (btn 4¾l) to Anyway (11-10) **THECOMPANYSERGEANT** (11-10) 11-2 in rear, outpaced before 2 out, ridden before last, no extra run-in, 4th (btn 9½l) (Tramore 2¾m ch €7,800 good).
CLAY PIGEONS (11-12) 8-11 fav handy, led before 4th, ridden and kept on run-in, bt Goeasyonme (10-11) 3¼l (13 ran) (Roscommon 1m 7f mdn hdle €7,200 yielding to soft).
AMBITIOUS FELLOW (10-13) 66-1 towards rear, never a factor, 7th of 20 (btn 8¼l) to Grann's Boy (10-13) (Galway 2¾m Listed hcap hdle (1) €65,999 good to yielding).
SAMUI (10-3) 16-1 towards rear, ridden after 2 out, kept on one pace, 7th of 17 (btn 8l) to Ascending Lark (10-6) (Punchestown 2m 1f Listed hcap hdle (1) €30,000 yielding).
REVEREND HUBERT (11-0) 11-8 fav led after 1st, joined after 2 out, rallied to assert entering straight, kept on well from last, bt Jabbar (11-1) 11l **THE FRIDAY MAN** (11-0) 13-2 headed after 1st, pushed along after 2 out, no extra and dropped to 4th after last, one pace run-in, last (btn 24l) (Kilbeggan 3m 1f hdle €6,899 good to yielding).
GANGSTER GRANNY (11-0) 6-1 held up, headway to lead entering straight, stayed on well, bt Theflyingbee (11-4) 6l (10 ran) (Downpatrick 2¾m hcap hdle €9,000 good).

7.22 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 3m. (20 runners)

1 -784 **JONNY CARROL 21** M McCabe 5-12-0. **Miss E Herbison (7)**
2 -619 **JOURNEY SO FAR 26 (H)** G Cromwell 6-12-0.. **K Donoghue**
3 845U **CHARLIE'S DILEMMA 21 (B)** J McConnell 7-11-13. **S Torrens**
4 6114 **KNOCKNAGORAN LADY 24 (B★;BF)** C Hughes 7-11-13.. **C Stone-Walsh**
5 P-90 **MIDLETON RARE 36 (D)** N Kelly 8-11-13... **E Dunseath (7)**
6 35-5 **ASTLEY 116 (T★)** P Traynor 6-11-8 **P Byrnes**
7 2243 **BAYONETTA 21 (B★)** G Quinn 8-11-8 **J Slevin**
8 9-75 **MATTER OF OPINION 21** W Harvey 6-11-6... **Ms L Byrne (7)**
9 -P5P **SCHIEHALLION 42** D McLoughlin 9-11-6.... **P O'Hanlon**
10 67-6 **BRANDT 80 (BF)** C Collins 8-11-5 **B Harvey**
11 3U25 **GEORGIA CELENA 19 (BF)** J McConnell 8-11-4. **J Halford (7)**
12 56-U **GRACE FARADAY 98 (H;D)** A McCann 8-11-4. **J Smith (5)**
13 5541 **SNEDDY EDDIE 19** G Elliott 6-11-4 **J Kennedy**
14 -P38 **FIRE CORAL F13 (BF,CD)** S Curling 7-11-2.. **M Kenneally (5)**
15 0-F0 **TECHNOLOGY 49 (H)** J McConnell 9-10-10. **S Fitzsimons (7)**
16 7224 **MOONSHINE GIRL 18** P Gilligan 7-10-8.... **J Gilligan (5)**
17 P179 **CLEVER COURT 21 (B)** P Rothwell 5-10-5 .. **T Power Roche**
18 7590 **WHATYOUWANT 6** G Kyne 8-10-5 **T O'Connor (7)**
19 76-0 **GYPSY POET 49** L Doyle 5-10-3 **J Williamson (3)**
20 -05P **SEKIFI 47** M Smith 8-10-0 **E O'Sullivan (7)**
21 2/PP **MY POLICY 35** P Rooney 7-10-13 **RESERVE**
22 12P6 **LE GRAND VERT 26** N Kelly 10-10-10 **RESERVE**

Sneddy Eddie ●99, Bayonetta 98, Moonshine Girl 97.
9-2 Sneddy Eddie, 6 Moonshine Girl, 13-2 Bayonetta, 8 Charlie's Dilemma, Knocknagoran Lady, 12 Georgia Celena, Jonny Carrol

7.56 MARES NAT HUNT FLAT; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (12 runners)

1 51 **CLOVELLY CHARM 47** P Fahy 5-11-11 **Mr H Swan**
2 1-1 **MISSOURI SNOW 22** N Slevin 5-11-11.... **Mr J Dunne (7)**
3 1 **HILLY FILLY 49 (D)** R O'Sullivan 4-11-8.. **Mr L P Shanahan (7)**
4 5-32 **BREDAS PEARL 21** J McConnell 5-11-4. **Mr M Buckley (7)**
5 **BRESIL BELLE** N Kelly 5-11-4 **Mr N McParlan**
6 **CAVE DAISY** N Kelly 5-11-4 **Mr M Stafford (7)**
7 **MAXDALE PRINXESS** W Roper 5-11-4.... **Mr B Coonan (7)**
8 **POET'S CREEK** D Christie 5-11-4... **Mr R M McParland (7)**
9 5 **ANNA QUAINTANCE 12** P Fahey 4-11-1 . **Mr A Ryan (5)**
10 **HUTTON STAR** D Kelly 4-11-1 **Mr P King (3)**
11 **JUNCTION ROAD** S Carlin 4-11-1 **Mr S Connor (7)**
12 **MOLLY DES BRUYERES** C Farrell 4-11-1. **Mr F Maguire**

Bredas Pearl ●99, Hilly Filly 96, Missouri Snow 93.
9-4 Hilly Filly, 4 Bredas Pearl, 9-2 Clovelly Charm, 8 Missouri Snow

AND YOUR RUNNERS 'N RIDERS FROM SEDGEFIELD

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE

4.25 Datstheholyallofit
5.00 Littletown Lad
5.32 Delpotro
6.05 Glory And Honour
6.40 Uncle Al
7.15 Lillistar
7.50 You Be Lucky Jean

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, undulating oval track of 1m 2f, with eight fences per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): D McCain 51-224, M Hammond 28-227. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): B Hughes 79-309, Sean Quinlan 36-215. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Fiskardo (5.32), Getaway Vic (6.40), Tottie's Moon (7.50) trained at Haverfordwest. Round trip of 816 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Orestina (4.25). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.25 NOVICE HURDLE (Class 4); winner £5,446; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1 5-21 **GENEALOGY F7** F Bramley 4-11-3 **H Kimber**
2 PP-P **CADILLAC RANCH 9** L Morgan 6-11-0 **Miss E Callwood (7)**
3 00-0 **CREDIT UNION 13 (H★)** J Bedi 5-11-0 **C O'Farrell**
4 **ROCK ARMOUR F95** D Thompson 5-11-0.. **J Power (5)**
5 66 **TRACKER ISSUE 13** A Nicol 4-10-10 **R Mania**
6 4-12 **DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT 9** P Neville 5-10-7 . **B Hughes**
7 10-P **ORESTINA 44 (T★)** R Menzies 5-10-7 **N Moscrop**
8 **SWEET CICELY F15 (P★)** M Sowersby 4-10-3... **C Maggs (3)**

Genealogy ●99, Tracker Issue 92, Datstheholyallofit 91.
4-7 Genealogy, 9-4 Datstheholyallofit, 8 Tracker Issue, 20 Rock Armour, 33 Sweet Cicely, 66 Orestina, Credit Union

5.00 NOVICE LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 1f. (10 run)

1 334/ **DAARIS F38 (BF)** K Frost 7-11-12 **L Edwards**
2 5244 **CHARACTER TESTING F13 (V★)** M Walford 5-11-10 **J Hamilton**
3 80-P **EXPERT ANALYSIS 94** J Candlish 4-11-10 **Sean Quinlan**
4 3P5- **HIJO DE LA LUNA F13 (V★)** S West 6-11-6 **B Lynn**
5 34- **RETURN WITH GOLD F15 (BF)** O Pears 4-11-0 **B Hughes**
6 6522 **YANKA BLUE 40** B Murphy 5-10-11 **C Pritchard**
7 87U2 **LITTLETOWN LAD 35** S England 6-10-11 **J England**
8 -086 **BREAKING GROUND 57** R Smith 5-10-8 **B Smith (7)**
9 50P5 **RED TRAIL 13** M Sowersby 7-10-6 **C Maggs (3)**
10 -8P6 **SCOPIC 39 (H★,T★)** B Haslam 5-10-5 **K Brogan**

Yanka Blue ●99, Littletown Lad 98, Red Trail 97.
5-2 Yanka Blue, 3 Littletown Lad, 9-2 Daaris, 11-2 Return With Gold, 15-2 Red Trail, 8 Character Testing, 25 Expert Analysis, 33 Scopic

5.32 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 3f. (9 runners)

1 -242 **DELPOTRO 59 (CD)** C Longsdon 6-12-0 **S Bowen**
2 -432 **THANK YOU BLUE 43** J Candlish 9-11-11 **I Power**
3 2344 **FISKARDO 9** M Bowen 6-11-11 **S Fenelon (5)**
4 58P- **WHEREARETHEJUDGES 193** D Bourke 6-11-9 **C Bewley**
5 -446 **WUDYA 35 (B★)** J Parkinson & S Smith 7-11-9 **D McMenamin**
6 P3U- **TOM CREEN 140 (BF,CD)** S England 11-11-7 **J England**
7 3534 **CLEAN GETAWAY 13 (C)** P Kirby 9-10-9. **J Williamson**
8 -942 **HUIT REFLETS 41 (V;C)** M Walford 9-10-9.. **J Hamilton**
9 364P **APPLEJACK POET 40** B Murphy 9-10-6 **C Pritchard**

Tom Creen ●99, Huit Reflets 97, Delpotro 96.
7-2 Delpotro, 4 Thank You Blue, Huit Reflets, 5 Tom Creen, Fiskardo

6.05 HANDICAP HURDLE (4); winner £4,066; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 1132 **MACHETE BEACH 44** J Snowden 5-12-2 **G Sheehan**
2 7147 **GLORY AND HONOUR 41** S England 10-12-0 **R Hitchen (10)**
3 -711 **SAINT POLO 66 (D)** J Candlish 6-11-10 **L Scott (3)**
4 3-42 **JOLIE COEUR ALLEN 41 (CD)** B Haslam 7-11-6 **K Brogan**
5 11U2 **SCOTS POET 39 (B;CD)** E Whillans 10-11-4 **C O'Farrell**
6 -13U **FINE POINT 13** A Nicol 5-11-1 **R Mania**

Machete Beach ●99, Saint Polo 98, Jolie Coeur Allen 97.
6-4 Saint Polo, 3 Machete Beach, 5 Scots Poet, 7 Jolie Coeur Allen

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MACHETE BEACH (11-6) 15-2 led, headed 2 out, rallied run-in to press leader, just denied, btn nk by King Ulanda (11-8) (6 ran) (Uttoxeter 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,066 good).
GLORY AND HONOUR (11-12) 40-1 led 2 out, headed last, soon weakened, 7th of 12 (btn 8l) to Oneinthewell (11-6) (Market Rasen 2m 5f hcap hdle (4) £10,562 good).
SAINT POLO (11-0) 13-8 fav led, headed 3rd, led before last, kept on, bt Norman Fletcher (11-10) 1½l (7 ran) (Newton Abbot 2m 1f amat hcap hdle (4) £4,967 good).
JOLIE COEUR ALLEN (11-9) 10-1 led before last, headed run-in, btn 2¼l by No More Bolero (11-7) (4 ran) (Market Rasen 2m 1f hcap hdle (4) £4,753 good).
SCOTS POET (12-0) 4-1 went second run-in, btn 3½l by Zamond (11-9) (8 ran) (Cartmel 2m 1f hcap hdle (5) £3,459 good).
FINE POINT unseated rider latest, (12-0) 6-4 fav chased leader 2 out, 3rd of 10 (btn 14l) to Follow The Leader (10-6) (Hexham 2½m amat hcap hdle (5) £4,520 good).

6.40 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £3,248; 3m 2f. (7 runners)

1 4223 **GETAWAY VIC 49 (BF)** M Bowen 7-12-0 **J Bowen**
2 PUP2 **MAGGIES BOY 57 (C)** J Candlish 7-11-7.. **Sean Quinlan**
3 1431 **JETEYE 41** S England 9-11-4 **J England**
4 P-04 **YOU DID 41** B Ellison 6-10-6 **P Wadge**
5 P163 **UNCLE AL 13 (C)** J Bedi 7-10-5 **C O'Farrell**
6 -1P2 **JO ARENGEOT BEY AA 35** D McCain 7-10-5 **G Sheehan**
7 /72P **CROAGH PATRICK 61 (B;D)** G Boanas 11-10-2 **B Hughes**

Jo Arengeot Bey Aa ●99, Getaway Vic 98, Maggies Boy 97.
9-4 Getaway Vic, 3 Jeteye, 7-2 Jo Arengeot Bey Aa, 6 Maggies Boy

7.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 4f. (10 runners)

1 4-44 **AIMERIC 52** J Candlish 7-12-0 **Sean Quinlan**
2 3/6- **SOCKS OFF F220 (CD)** K Frost 9-11-12 **L Edwards**
3 -337 **AMERICAN EMPIRE 35 (P★)** D McCain 6-11-12 **T Gillard**
4 3264 **INDIAN SUNBIRD 37** S Ender 9-11-11 **J Best**
5 633- **WILLIAM YEATS 140** S England 5-11-11 **J England**
6 35F5 **LIPSTICK TRACES 44** J Landy 6-11-10 **C Bewley**
7 2/P4 **PEPITE DE SAPHIR 85** R Menzies 6-11-9 **N Moscrop**
8 4538 **TOP FLIGHT CENTURY 39 (CD)** D Thompson 5-11-7 **J Thompson (5)**
9 1316 **MAKINBECON 40 (BF)** B Murphy 6-11-3 **C Pritchard**
10 FP5- **LILLISTAR F24** M Hammond 6-10-11 **B Hughes**

Makinbecon ●99, William Yeats 98, Indian Sunbird 97.
3 William Yeats, Makinbecon, 7 Top Flight Century, Socks Off, 8 Aimeric, 12 Indian Sunbird, Lipstick Traces, Lillistar

7.50 MARES NAT HUNT FLAT (4); winner £3,921; 2m 1f. (9 runners)

1 1 **YOU BE LUCKY JEAN 96** M Hammond 4-11-6 **Sean Quinlan**
2 **YOULOOKLIKEYOURMUM** J Landy 5-11-2 **C Maggs (3)**
3 **ARC KUNOICHI** R Menzies 4-10-13 **N Moscrop**
4 **CUMNOCK** R Llewellyn 4-10-13 **C Price**
5 **GREY DAY** M Hammond 4-10-13 **J Thompson (5)**
6 3 **MEGATOTHEMAX 86** K Frost 4-10-13 **L Edwards**
7 **REVERSE CHARGE** J Snowden 4-10-13 **G Sheehan**
8 5 **TOTTIE'S MOON 78** M Bowen 4-10-13 **J Bowen**
9 8- **TRUE MEASURE 177 (H★)** S Cameron 4-10-13 **P Kavanagh**

You Be Lucky Jean ●99, Megatothemax 98, Tottie's Moon 85.
9-4 Reverse Charge, 7-2 Megatothemax, 4 You Be Lucky Jean